Stages of Change Therapist's Motivational Tasks

Precontemplative

• Raise doubt about problem. Increase client's perception of the risks and problems associated with the behavior

Contemplative

- Strengthen client's self efficacy for change
- Evoke reasons for change and risks of not changing

Preparation

• Help client determine the best course of action to take in making the change happen

Action

• Help client take steps towards change

Maintenance

Help client identify and use strategies to maintain change

Relapse

 Help client renew process of contemplation, determination and action