Quick Reference Sheet ZPA Concept Summary

Title:

Zone of Proximal Awareness (ZPA) – Concept Summary

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Definition:

The Zone of Proximal Awareness (ZPA) is the optimal space between our current abilities and our potential growth, where learning and transformation are most possible when supported by the right guidance and resources.

Core Principles:

- Growth happens just beyond current comfort zones.
- Support and challenge must be balanced.
- Self-awareness is key to navigating change.
- Reflection strengthens learning outcomes.
- Ego can limit perspective and block growth.
- Awareness expands when guided intentionally.

Key Terms:

- **EGO** Fixed mindset or personal bias limiting perspective.
- **ZPA** The "learning sweet spot" for growth and change.
- Looking Backward Reflection on past experience and patterns.
- Looking Forward Anticipating future goals and opportunities.
- **Facilitator** A guide who helps navigate the ZPA.

Visual Element:



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