Table 1. Key Elements of a Motivational Style of Counseling

## Style

# Collaboration

Even power distribution Client involved in decisions

### Evocation

Communicate belief in the capacity for change Understand client experience

#### Autonomy

Respect Acknowledge client's freedom

A Motivational <u>Style</u> of Counseling: "a skillful clinical style for eliciting from clients their own good motivations for making behavior changes."

*Motivational Counseling <u>Strategies</u>: methods to enhance client engagement in the change process, supported by the use of several motivational counseling techniques.* 

Motivational Counseling <u>Techniques</u>: specific behaviors that will enable a counselor to perform effective motivational counseling strategies.

# **Strategies** *Empathy*

Acceptance supports change

Open-ended questions Elicit longer responses

*Reflective listening* Clarify client's meaning

Summarizing statements Reflect deeper understanding

Affirm the client Provide tailored support

*Eliciting change talk* Highlight and resolve ambivalence

Rolling with Resistance Come alongside client

> \*DARN-C is an acronym for the client's Desires, Abilities, Reasons, and Needs for change, and their use of Commitment language to enhance self-efficacy for change.

#### **Techniques**

**Rolling with Resistance** Reframe Shift focus Enhance discrepancy **Open-ended** questions Begin with words such as "how", phrases such as "tell me about..." or statements that *implicitly ask for a response* Affirm the client *Notice strengths* Acknowledge efforts *Be appropriate to setting and* culture **Reflective listening** Simple reflection Amplified reflection **Understatements** Double-sided reflection Summarizing statements Collect Link **Transition** Additional Skills Avoid blurting out responses Ask permission to give advice Present a menu of options Attend to DARN-C Language