

Understanding Mental Health

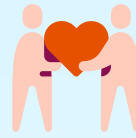


Mental health is an integral aspect of overall well-being, encompassing emotional, psychological, and social factors. Understanding common mental health conditions is essential for recognizing their impact and prevalence in society.



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Recognizing severe symptoms and warning signs is crucial for early intervention. Common signs include persistent changes in mood, behavior, sleep patterns, appetite, and thoughts of self-harm or suicide. Early recognition can help prevent crises and improve outcomes.



SUPPORTING YOUR LOVED ONES

Supporting a family member or friend with mental health challenges requires empathy and understanding. Practical guidance includes active listening, offering emotional support, encouraging self-care practices, and facilitating access to professional help when needed.



WHEN TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

Identifying signs that indicate the need for professional intervention is vital. If symptoms persist, worsen, or interfere with daily functioning, seeking help from a mental health professional is essential. Early treatment can lead to better management of symptoms and improved well-being.

READY TO GET HELP?

Below are some trusted organizations and hotlines:

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): 1-800-950-NAMI (6264)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Crisis Text Line: Text "HELLO" to 741741 for 24/7 support

Psychology Today: Online directory for finding therapists and mental health professionals in your area

REMEMBER, SEEKING HELP IS A SIGN OF STRENGTH, AND SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: