



# MENTAL HEALTH TOOLS AND RESOURCES

There's a wealth of mental health and self-care resources to support you and your loved ones on your journey of self-discovery and well-being. The examples included here are intended to be a helpful starting point.

## SUPPORT AND EDUCATION: LEARN MORE TO REDUCE STIGMA

### [Mental Health Conditions](#)

One in five US adults experiences mental illness each year. Odds are you or someone you care about has a mental health condition. Help yourself or your loved one by educating yourself on the condition, learn the signs, symptoms, causes, treatment options and supportive resources.

### [PsychCentral](#)

PsychCentral is a clearinghouse of expert advice and credible information intended to help you explore your mental health and feel less alone in your journey of self-discovery. The site provides overviews and self-assessments for a number of mental health conditions, as well as timely articles on everything from "What Does a Panic Attack Feel Like," to "Tips for Living with ADHD."

## SCREENING TOOLS

### [Mental Health Screening Tools](#)

Online screening is a quick, free, and anonymous way to learn about your mental health and if you are experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition. A screening only takes a few minutes, and after you are finished you will be given information

about the next steps you should take based on the results. A screening is not a diagnosis, but it can be a helpful tool for starting a conversation with your doctor or a loved one about your mental health.

Mental Health America (MHA) offers screening tools for depression (English/Spanish), anxiety (English/Spanish), PTSD, bipolar disorder, postpartum depression, psychosis, eating disorders, addiction, and work health.

### [Stress Screener](#)

A questionnaire developed to gauge how much stress you're experiencing. Based on your answers, you'll receive recommendations for supportive resources and next steps.

## STARTING THE CONVERSATION

### [Seize the Awkward](#)

Having a conversation about mental health can be uncomfortable, but it can make all the difference. This site provides tools—from conversation guides to tips—that can help you help those in need.

### [Disclosing to Others](#)

Ideally, the people around you will understand your illness and be supportive. You can give friends, family, and colleagues a better chance to help by thinking ahead about who, what,

where, when, why and how to disclose your mental illness.

## MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT CARE

### [Finding Care](#)

Offers information and resource links to mental health treatment services in your community, including crisis services, affordable community mental health, individual providers, provider associations, provider organizations that serve specific audiences and specialized treatment and referral service organizations.

### [Finding the Right Care](#)

This detailed fact sheet provides guidance on making an informed decision about which mental health professional and treatment approach are right for you, and how to determine if you're getting the care you need.

## COMMUNITY-BASED AND ONLINE RESOURCES

### [Choices in Recovery](#)

Support and information for people with schizophrenia, schizoaffective, and bipolar disorder and their caregivers, including Strategies for Success that can be used daily by people living with mental health conditions.

### [IDONTMIND](#)

A mental health awareness campaign and lifestyle brand that gets people to talk about their minds and to generate positive messaging about mental health. Their online journal offers articles on all things mental health.

### [Mental Health for Veterans](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) supports the mental health needs of Veterans and their families, from transition out of the military through reintegration into civilian life.

### [Make Sure Your Friends Are Okay](#)

Through merchandise and social media, Make Sure Your Friends Are Okay is building a community of like-minded people who want to help get the world talking.

### [Mental Health Coalition \(MHC\)](#)

Formed to catalyze like-minded communities to work together to destigmatize mental health and empower access to vital resources and necessary support for all, the MHC connects individuals to a range of different resources from Coalition members.

### [The Mental Health Collaborative](#)

The Mental Health Collaborative works to build resilient communities through mental health education and awareness, decreasing stigma, and opening the door to conversations about mental health. They train schools, organizations, and communities in mental health literacy – the foundational education that all of us need to promote our best mental health.

### [PositivePsychology.com](#)

A science-based online resource of courses, techniques, tools, and tips to help you put positive psychology into practice. Be sure to check out their radical acceptance worksheets, including Focus on the Present for Radical Acceptance.

### [Postpartum Support International](#)

The mission of Postpartum Support International is to promote awareness, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues related to childbearing in every country worldwide.

### [Rural Minds](#)

Rural Minds serves as the informed voice for mental health in rural America and provides mental health information and resources.

### [This Is My Brave](#)

An organization that works to bring stories of mental illness and addiction out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

### [This Way Up](#)

Online courses that teach practical, psychological skills designed to help you manage difficult emotions, tackle unhelpful thoughts, and gain control over symptoms of anxiety and depression.

## **SUPPORT FOR YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS**

### [Your Child's Mental Health](#)

A screening tool that parents and caregivers can use to see if a child is having emotional, attentional, or behavioral difficulties.

### [Brightline](#)

The first comprehensive behavioral health solution designed to support kids, teens, and parents across a range of common family challenges.

### [Child Mind Institute Family Resource Center](#)

Child Mind Institute's Resource Finder allows you to check off the issues you're noticing and provides a list of relevant tools and information to help you support a child struggling with mental health, behavior, or learning challenges.

### [Ask an Expert](#)

The Child Mind Institute provides guidance on how to handle sensitive or challenging situations, from addressing inappropriate behavior at school to helping your child build confidence.

### [JED Mental Health Resource Center](#)

The JED Foundation's Mental Health Resource Center provides essential information about common emotional health issues and shows teens and young adults how they can support one another, overcome challenges, and make a successful transition to adulthood.

### [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)

NCTSN was created to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for children and families who experience or witness traumatic events. Be sure to check out their Pause, Reset, Nourish (PRN) to Promote Wellbeing handout.

### [Inner Explorer @ Home App](#)

A free mindfulness app specifically designed for parents and caregivers to use with their children and which features daily guided mindfulness practices for all age-groups.

### [Uncomfortable but Important Conversations](#)

A guide to help adolescents and teens recognize when it's time to talk about mental health and determine the best person to talk to.



### [Wisdom: The World of Emotions](#)

Geared toward children ages 4-8, this free game is designed to build social-emotional learning skills through play. Parents and caregivers can play the game with their children and use supplemental hands-on activities to help their child practice healthy coping strategies and gratitude.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

### [Medicine Assistance Tool](#)

A search engine that contains information on approximately 900 public and private assistance programs that help those with financial need get access to their prescription.

### [GoodRx](#)

Find free coupons and save up to 80% off prescriptions.

### [NeedyMeds](#)

A national non-profit that connects people to programs that will help them afford their medications and other healthcare costs.

## DIY WORKSHEETS

### [Dealing with the Worst-Case Scenario](#)

Going to the worst-case scenario is one of the most common thinking traps we fall into. This pattern of thinking can result in ruminating in ways that pull you into a rut, bring your feelings down, make depression worse, cause you to avoid your responsibilities, and increase anxiety. Use this worksheet to reality test and find healthier thoughts.

### [Managing Frustration and Anger](#)

Anger and frustration are both common emotional responses that

everyone faces. However, if these feelings become too intense, they can lead to both mental and physical distress, and cause problems in relationships. This worksheet can help you identify the emotions and thoughts behind your anger and frustration, and help you determine what you need to feel better.

### [Building Boundaries](#)

One way we can protect our values and our mental health is by setting boundaries. Boundaries are a way of communicating which behaviors we do and do not accept from other people. This worksheet helps you reflect on how to set clearer boundaries with the people around you.

### [Practicing Radical Acceptance](#)

Radical acceptance is a practice that helps us evaluate situations and work to reduce the emotional burden of the reality of the situation like resentment, anger, hatred, or shame. This worksheet includes prompts to help you practice radical acceptance.

### [Prioritizing Self-Care](#)

When we have a lot on our plates or we are facing mental health challenges, it can feel easy to push our own needs to the side. However, making time for ourselves is essential to our overall well-being. Use this worksheet to help you better understand what is holding you back from taking time for yourself and your needs.

### [Processing Trauma and Stress](#)

After a traumatic experience, it can be helpful to get your thoughts outside of your head. Use this worksheet to write

down your experiences and gain perspective about your situation.

### [Staying Grounded](#)

Do you feel like your mind is constantly racing through a million thoughts, thinking about the past, the future, or all the things that went wrong or could go wrong? This worksheet is designed to help you calm down and retrain your body and mind to stay grounded in the moment. The more you practice, the faster you'll notice your body and brain responding well.

### [Stopping Stupid Thoughts](#)

It's hard to feel good when someone is saying mean things to you all the time, especially when that person is you! Follow this five-step exercise to stop negative thoughts and reframe them in a more compassionate way.

### [What's Underneath](#)

Taking the time to slow down and identify what you're really experiencing can help you feel better and can improve your relationships with others. This worksheet will help you to build your emotional vocabulary to help you better understand and communicate your feelings.

### [Prepare for Difficult Conversations](#)

Figuring out how to talk to someone about a mental health issue can be scary. Before having a conversation, it's helpful to emotionally prepare and set expectations.

### [Social Confidence and Connections](#)

Everyone struggles with feeling alone, insecure, or like they don't fit in. This worksheet encourages you to think about and cultivate the connections that are important to you.

