

WELL BEINGS



Pittsburgh Mental Health Resource Toolkit





The WELL BEINGS campaign addresses the critical health needs in America through broadcast content, original digital content, and impactful local events. The campaign begins with the YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT, engaging youth voices to create a national conversation, raise awareness, address stigma and discrimination, and encourage compassion. The multi-year campaign, created by WETA Washington, D.C., brings together partners from across the country, including people with lived experience of health challenges, families, caregivers, teachers, medical and mental health professionals, social service agencies, private foundations, filmmakers, corporations and media sponsors, to create awareness and resources for better health for all. To learn more, visit [WellBeings.org](https://www.WellBeings.org) or follow @WellBeingsOrg on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#), and join the conversation with #WellBeings.

Mental Health challenges come in many forms, from all walks of life. WELL BEINGS has put together this guide as a reference to the resources that exist nationally and right in your backyard that are available to help you or someone you care about who might be facing a Mental Health challenge.

If you are in crisis, or experiencing thoughts of suicide, please text the **Crisis Text Line** (text **HELLO** to **741741**) or call the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** at **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**. Both services are free and available, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

LOCAL RESOURCES

There is help close to home. Below we highlight community organizations that specialize in the mental health needs of residents in the Greater Pittsburgh area. Although this guide isn't a complete list of all resources in the area, it can serve as a reference if you're looking for crisis providers and support organizations for youth, teens, and adults in Pennsylvania.

ALLEGHENY FAMILY NETWORK

allegHENYfamilynetwork.org

888-273-2361

Staffed by family members (parents or caregivers) with lived experience who have raised or are raising a child with mental health or emotional needs.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

afsp.org/chapter/western-pennsylvania

800-273-8255 (Crisis)

Text TALK to 741741

Fueled by efforts of volunteers to help save lives and support those affected by suicide loss. Serving 25 counties in western Pennsylvania.

CENTER FOR VICTIMS

centerforvictims.org

866-644-2882

Comprehensive service provider for victims of all crimes.

IOTAS

(It's Okay to Ask Someone Textline)

itsoktoasksomeone.squarespace.com

412-424-6827

Free, confidential textline to ask any question related to sex, relationships, bodies and more.

LISTEN, LUCY

listenlucy.org

ListenLucy@gmail.com

An online outlet where people can express themselves freely and creatively.

LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS: A WQED INITIATIVE

wqed.org/mentalillness

WQED Pittsburgh's "Living with Mental Illness" campaign is an ongoing commitment to explore various aspects of mental health, examine different illnesses, focus on new research and treatment, and introduce people who are living with mental illness. The multi-platform project is intended to raise awareness, showcase positive outcomes - and above all - end stigma. The site contains WQED's locally-produced documentaries and short videos covering First Episode Psychosis, PTSD, Teen Suicide, Anxiety, Childhood Trauma, and various other mental health topics.

NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania

namikeystonepa.org

info@namikeystonepa.org

412-366-3788

NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania gives Pennsylvania a unified voice in advancing NAMI's mission of raising awareness about mental health and providing recovery-focused support, education, and advocacy for people living with mental illness and their loved ones. There are 31 NAMI affiliates across Pennsylvania. To find an affiliate near you, please visit: <https://www.namikeystonepa.org/discover-nami/find-your-local-nami/>.

OK2TALK

ok2talk.org

800-273-TALK

Creating a community for teens and young adults struggling with mental health problems and encouraging them to talk about what they are experiencing by sharing their personal stories of recovery, tragedy, struggle or hope.

PERSAD CENTER

persadcenter.org

412-441-9786

LGBTQIA+ and HIV positive mental health and wellness community programs and support.

PITTSBURGH ACTION AGAINST RAPE

paar.net

866-363-7273

Rape crisis center, support and services for sexual harassment, sex trafficking and allies.

STAND TOGETHER

standtogether.againststigma.org/

stand-together-2

412-350-3455

An initiative that inspires and equips youth to take action against stigma associated with mental illness and substance use disorders.

LOCAL RESOURCES

STEEL SMILING

steelsmilingpgh.org

info@steelsmilingpgh.org

412-532-9458

Bridging the gap between Black people and mental health support through education, advocacy and awareness. Its 10-year vision is to connect with every Black person in Allegheny County by 2030.

SUPPORTING OUR VALUED ADOLESCENTS (SOVA)

sova.pitt.edu

A research project that aims to study how to help young people with depression and anxiety. It includes two websites: SOVA for young people and wiseSOVA for parents.

UPMC RESOLVE CRISIS SERVICES

upmc.com/services/behavioral-health/resolve-crisis-services

888-796-8226

A 24-hour, 365-day crisis service that is free to all Allegheny County residents. Its services are sponsored by both Allegheny County and UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital.

UPMC DIVISION OF ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT MEDICINE

chp.edu/our-services/aya-medicine/young-adults

412-692-6677

Birth control, STD testing and treatment, pregnancy tests, mental health information.

UPSTREET

upstreetpgh.org

info@upstreetpgh.org

412-422-7200

Aiming to reduce the stigma of seeking mental health support, to avoid escalation of symptoms to a crisis stage and enhance teens' quality of life.

YOUTH MOVE PA

pmhca.org/Youth-MOVE

800-887-6422

Calling for young adults between the ages of 16 to 29 to be active, powerful forces in their own social supports and to have a seat at the table of public policy as it relates to youth in Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

Help is available for you, your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues, all those in your life that might need support at this time. Find access to national mental health resources, organizations, tools and support groups using the links provided here. This guide is designed as a place to start or continue the journey of navigating mental health resources for you or someone you care about.

ACTIVE MINDS

<https://www.activeminds.org>

Active Minds is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising mental health awareness among students via peer to peer dialogue and interaction. Programs include [Send Silence Packing®](#), [Active Minds Speakers](#), the [Healthy Campus Award](#), and [Active Minds @Work](#)

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

www.aacap.org

The mission of AACAP is to promote the healthy development of children, adolescents, and families through advocacy, education, and research, and to meet the professional needs of child and adolescent psychiatrists throughout their careers. The website includes tool kits, resource libraries, educational materials and discussions for families and clinicians.

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

[Notice. Talk. Act. at Home: Coping Skills for Parents and Caregivers](#)

Designed to help parents and caregivers trying to navigate heightened levels of stress, this resource will help families better understand common signs of stress, offer ways to manage it, and examples of effective stress relief activities for the whole family.

[What do Disruptive Behaviors Indicate?](#)

This resource provides community members with an overview of how schools approach disruptive behaviors, the harmful impacts of zero tolerance policies, and a potential solution for how schools can view disruptive behaviors as a need for support, not discipline.

[Diversity & Health Equity Education](#)

View educational resources, including fact sheets, guides and online learning modules, that address the mental health needs of culturally diverse populations.

[Working Remotely During COVID-19](#) workplacementalhealth@psych.org 202-559-3900

We are navigating uncharted waters with COVID-19, making it important to find new ways to work and interact while also taking care of our mental health and well-being. This resource provides practical tips on taking care of our mental health and well-being.

[Five Myths and Facts About Depression](#)

Depression and anxiety are major concerns when it comes to youth and young adults. This infographic calls out 5 common myths about depression and sets the record straight with facts. It also shares common warning signs of depression and advises employers on how they can effectively address depression in the workplace.

ASHA INTERNATIONAL

<https://myasha.org>

gayathri@myasha.org

971-340-7190

ASHA International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to normalizing conversations about mental health and inspiring hope & wellbeing, one story at a time. Programs include [Let's Talk About Mental Health](#) & [My Story MY SUPERPOWER Movement](#).

BLACK EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH (BEAM)

<https://www.beam.community/>

The Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective (BEAM) is made up of therapists, yoga teachers, lawyers, and activists with a mission to break down the barriers to Black healing.

BLACK MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE (BMHA)

<https://blackmentalhealth.com/>

A nonprofit providing training, consultation, support groups, resource referral, public information, and educational resources regarding mental health and mental illness issues.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

CALL TO MIND

calltomindnow.org

@calltomindnow

Call to Mind is American Public Media's (APM) initiative to foster new conversations about mental health. Call to Mind believes that mental well-being is for everyone and that it's time to end the misconceptions and discrimination associated with mental health conditions.

CREDIBLEMIND & WELL BEING TRUST

<https://wellbeingtrust.org/mental-health-resources/>

Well Being Trust is a national foundation dedicated to advancing a vision of a nation where everyone is well—in mental, social and spiritual health. The website includes a widget built by CredibleMind that makes it is easy to search and access by topic and type of material, curated mental health resources.

DANA FOUNDATION

dana.org

danainfo@dana.org

Explore the brain with the Dana Foundation's free resources for kids and adults. Find fact sheets, lesson plans, articles, and puzzles about brain function and health, all reviewed and approved by scientists.

DEPRESSION & BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE

<https://www.dbsalliance.org/brochures/>

DBSA offers a variety of free educational materials that can be downloaded or sent directly to your home. The website includes materials detailing strategies and information applicable for both loved ones & caregivers as well as those with depression or bipolar.

HERSH FOUNDATION

http://www.struckbyliving.com/uploads/resources/Adult_SENSE_2020.pdf

http://www.struckbyliving.com/uploads/resources/College_SENSE_2020.pdf

This resource includes Common Sense strategies for adult & college age mental health from Julie K. Hersh. Julie Hersh is President of the Hersh Foundation, an organization committed to education and leadership programs in research and prevention of mental illness.

HOPE SQUAD

hopesquad.com #hopesquads

support@hopesquad.com

801-342-3447

A peer-to-peer suicide prevention program for grades 4 -12. Members are trained to promote mental wellness, recognize signs of crisis, and refer at-risk peers to trusted adults.

HUMANEST CARE

www.humanestcare.com

Humanest Care is an online mental health community that connects people to help each other on their journey. Members of the Humanest community have access to groups, workshops, 1:1 sessions, and self-help tools. Humanest Care provides a complete support system to make life easier. Come with a problem. Leave with a personalized action plan.

THE JED FOUNDATION

[JED's POV on Student Mental Health and Well-Being in Fall Campus Reopening](#)

Considerations for college and university campuses as they continue to prepare and work through supporting the mental health and well-being of their communities during the fall reopening.

[Seize the Awkward](#)

Seize the Awkward provides young adults with tips on how to sustain a conversation with their peers around mental health.

[Love is Louder Action Center](#) and [COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)

JED's Love is Louder Action Center and COVID-19 Resource Guide provide resources and tips for protecting mental health and supporting each other during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

Set to Go

Set to Go provides students, families, and educators resources on how to get emotionally prepared for the transition from high school to college or adulthood.

Press Pause

JED and MTV's Press Pause includes animated PSAs and an online hub with simple mindfulness techniques – like breathing exercises, meditation, perspective checks, music and movement – to deal with common stresses and challenges that can make young adults feel overwhelmed or hopeless.

Ulifeline

Ulifeline is an online resource for college students. Schools can sign up and post campus-specific information on how to access treatment and crisis services.

Equity in Mental Health Framework

The Equity in Mental Health Framework provides academic institutions with a set of recommendations to help strengthen their activities and programs to address the mental health disparities facing students of color in higher education.

And you can find JED Voices and JED Storytellers videos, along with other JED videos, on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/jedfoundation/playlists>

JUVENILE BIPOLAR RESEARCH FOUNDATION

<https://www.jbrf.org/families/>

Supporting children and families suffering from bipolar or Fear of Harm disorder through research, education, and outreach. Includes general information, educational concerns and diagnostic tools, research news, virtual support groups, parent training and treatment options.

KAISER PERMANENTE THRIVING SCHOOLS

<https://thrivingschools.kaiserpermanente.org>

Thriving Schools is an all-in engagement to improve health for students, staff, and teachers. On this site, you'll find the tools and ideas to help you create healthier school environments, build habits for healthy eating and active lifestyles, and support social and emotional well-being.

THE LOVELAND FOUNDATION

<https://thelovelandfoundation.org/loveland-therapy-fund/>

The Loveland Foundation provides financial assistance to Black women and girls seeking mental health services nationwide via its Therapy Fund.

MELANIN & MENTAL HEALTH

<https://www.melaninandmentalhealth.com/>

Serving the mental health needs of Black and Latinx communities by offering a therapist directory and podcast on mental health issues.

MENTAL WELLNESS COLLECTIVE

<https://www.mentalwellnesscollective.com/>

An online community focused on helping women of color prioritize their mental health and normalize help seeking. Their goal is to build a safe place for women to express themselves, break the stigma around mental health, raise awareness to issues that are important to the Black community, and provide access to providers.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The training helps you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. Mental Health First Aid is provided by the National Council for Behavioral Health.

MOVEMBER CONVERSATIONS

conversations.movember.com

#Movember

A free interactive online tool, Movember Conversations offers practical guidance on how to start a difficult conversation with someone who might be struggling. Movember Conversations uses simulations to explore different scenarios and demonstrates the changing ways your response can lead to deeper conversations. You can't fix someone else's problems, but a listening ear can make all the difference.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

NAMI - THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

www.nami.org #NotAlone

Call the NAMI Helpline at

800-950-6264 M-F, 10 am-6pm, ET

Or in a crisis text “NAMI” to 741741 for 24/7, confidential free counseling

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. Join the conversation at nami.org | facebook.com/nami instagram.com/namimcommunicate twitter.com/namimcommunicate

NAMI Basics OnDemand

NAMI Basics is a 6-session education program for parents, caregivers and other family who provide care for youth (ages 22 and younger) who are experiencing mental health symptoms. This program is free to participants, 99% of whom say they would recommend the program to others. NAMI Basics is available both in person and online through NAMI Basics OnDemand.

[The OnDemand program](#) is also guided by parents and family members with lived experience but is self-paced and available 24/7. OnDemand offers the flexibility of participating in the course on your schedule. Both formats provide identical information, strategies and the opportunity to connect with other parents and caregivers.

NAMI Frontline Wellness

NAMI has developed a suite of no-cost digital resources for frontline professionals, which are available now at www.NAMI.org/FrontlineWellness. These custom-made resources were developed based on the findings from a comprehensive needs assessment and include: techniques to build resilience, access to confidential and professional services, peer support groups, support for family members, how to identify signs of a potential mental health emergency and suicide prevention information. [#FirstRespondersFirst](#)

ONE MIND PSYBERGUIDE

<https://onemindpsyberguide.org/>

info@psyberguide.org

@PsyberGuide

One Mind PsyberGuide is a non-profit project providing guidance to people interested in using technology to live mentally healthier lives. There are thousands of publicly available mental health apps, but few have been vetted in any way. We provide expert reviews of apps, free of preference, bias, or endorsement, to help people make informed decisions.

OTSUKA PATIENT SUPPORT

OtsukaPatientSupport.com

1-855-242-7787 (M-F, 8am-8pm ET)

“In the midst of a global crisis, our purpose at Otsuka becomes more meaningful. To help our patients defy the limitations that COVID-19 has forced on our world, we are pleased to announce cost-free Otsuka medication to patients in the US experiencing hardships.”

- Kabir Nath, President and CEO,
Otsuka North America
Pharmaceutical Business

If you lost your job or insurance status due to the COVID-19 crisis, your prescribed Otsuka medication in the US can be provided at no cost. Please visit otsukapatientssupport.com or call 1-855-242-7787 (M-F, 8am-8pm EDT) for more information.

SMI ADVISER

Individuals and Families page:

<https://smiadviser.org/individuals-families>

SMI Adviser is a technical resource center to raise awareness and promote the use of evidence-based practices in the treatment of serious mental illness. When you go to the website, you have the option of accessing resources by clicking the “Clinician” button or the “Individuals & Families” button.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

SUTTER HEALTH

<https://www.sutterhealth.org/about/mental-health>

24-Hour Crisis Support Call
(800) 273-TALK(8255)

Text Crisis Line

Text MHA to 741741 for support.

Sutter Health strives to be an industry innovator by integrating physical and mental health to care for each person's total health and wellbeing. Sutter care centers have experienced therapists, psychologists and psychiatrists who can assess and treat a wide range of behavioral health issues, including the most complex disorders.

THE STEVE FUND

www.stevelfund.org

info@stevelfund.org

401-249-0044

The Steve Fund works with colleges and universities, non-profits, researchers, mental health experts, families, and young people to promote programs & strategies that build understanding and assistance for the mental and emotional health of the nation's young people of color. The Fund holds an annual conference series, Young, Gifted & @Risk, and offers a Knowledge Center with curated expert information along with on-campus and on-site programs and services for colleges and non-profits.

STRONG 365

strong365.org #URstrong

@strong365community (Facebook, Instagram) | @strong365 (Twitter)

Enter code "strong" to connect with trained listeners for free, 24/7:

7cups.com/p/strong365/?wla=strong365

info@strong365.org

A project of the non-profit organization One Mind, Strong 365 aims to shorten the path to effective, life-saving help by connecting young people in the earliest stages of psychosis to both online and community-based support.

THERAPY FOR BLACK GIRLS

<https://therapyforblackgirls.com/>

An online space dedicated to destigmatizing mental health care and helping Black women find their ideal practitioner.

THERAPY FOR BLACK MEN

<https://therapyforblackmen.org/>

A dedicated space for men and boys of color to educate themselves on mental wellness, connect and control their own narrative on mental health matters.

THE TREVOR PROJECT

www.TheTrevorProject.org

If you or someone you know needs help or support, contact The Trevor Project's TrevorLifeline 24/7 at 1-866-488-7386. Counseling is also available 24/7 via chat every day at TheTrevorProject.org/Help, or by texting 678-678.

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ young people.

THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

The Parent Support Network™

ymhproject.org/parent-support-network

#youthmentalhealthproject

parentsupportnetwork@ymhproject.org

773-501-9548

The Parent Support Network™, a program of The Youth Mental Health Project™, offers free and confidential support meetings run by and for parents who are concerned about the mental health of their children, teens, and young adults.

THIS IS MY BRAVE

<https://thisismybrave.org>

This Is My Brave enables high-school and college-aged students to use storytelling to combat stigma around mental health. This Is My Brave brings stories of mental illness and addiction out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

WORK2BEWELL

Work2BeWell.org

The #Work2BeWell digital wellness and empowerment program focuses on positively impacting the emotional well-being of teens and promoting mental health. Here you will find free curriculum, programs, and assets that can be used to help educate teens about mental health and wellness.

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