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Mental Health Awareness Month

- May is the time to echo the importance and impact that mental health has on our emotional, physical, and overall well being.
- We join the effort in raising awareness of those who are living with mental and/or behavioral health issues.
- Each year we fight stigma, provide support, and educate the public on mental health



Mental Health Awareness Month

We know that mental health problems can affect:

- Energy levels
- Concentration
- Thinking ability
- Our view of the world, others, and ourselves
- Physical health

Ensuring good mental health is critical to our overall well-being

Self care is an important component of resilience and good mental health

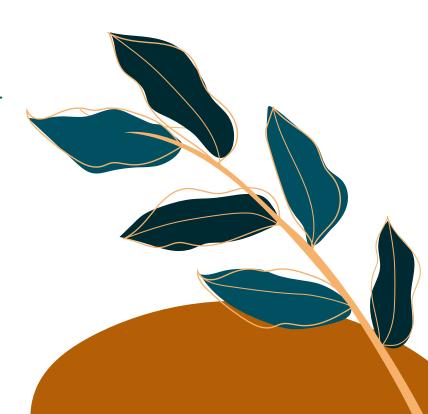




Statistics

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. Youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.
- 50% of all the lifetime mental illness begins by age
 14, and 75% by age 24
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-34.





Why is Mental Health Awareness Important?

Awareness about mental health eases identification and early treatment for individuals experiencing mental health challenges

- Early interventions can help our loved ones receive appropriate care
- Seeking and receiving therapy is not a sign of weakness but of strength

Mental health affects:

- Students as they learn
- ♦ Teachers, staff, and administrators as they work and teach

Mental health support is needed to address and intervene as early as possible





Tips to Stay Healthy and Manage Stress

- Get adequate rest
- Eat healthy and nutritious meals
- Practice mindfulness
- Clear your head with mini breaks
- Remain physically active by moving for a minimum of 30 minut per day
- Stay connected with friends, family and your loved ones





Student Wellness Services Video Presentation



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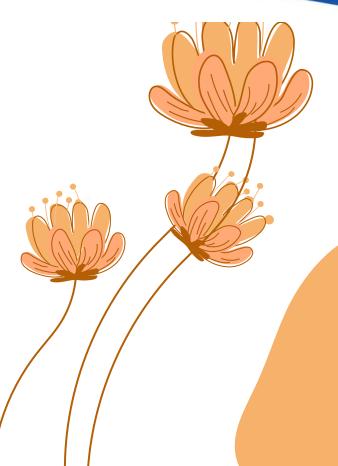
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2020-21 Mental Health Interns





Mental Health Support Update

•SWS Department secured 86K annually for three years from a federally funded Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCA) grant program.

- •The funds will allow the department to hire a mental health therapist to support and serve our homeless youth.
- •The Department hired 5 part-time mental health therapists to continue to support students with mental health needs during summer. Moreover, the department is expanding it's mental health support for the 2021-22 academic year.





Mental Health Matters, You Matter!

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