

Mental health is more than the absence of a mental illness. Mental health refers to a person's emotional, psychological and social well-being. It determines how we think, feel, act, handle stress and make choices.

At any given time, more than half a million adult New Yorkers are estimated to have depression, yet less than 40 percent report receiving care for it. If you or a dependent are experiencing mental or emotional distress that affects your ability to function at home, work, or school:

- Call the <u>NYC Employee Assistance Program</u> (EAP). The EAP offers free and confidential assistance to employees and family members. If treatment is necessary, the EAP can assist in making a referral to a provider that is covered by your health benefits. The EAP can be reached at 212-306-7660 or by email at eap@olr.nyc.gov.
- ❖ You can also find help by contacting <u>NYC Well</u>, a free, confidential helpline, available 24/7: call 1-888-NYC-Well or text "WELL" to 65173.

Additionally, the New York City Department of Health offers free Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training to all New Yorkers as part of the City's Thrive NYC initiative. MHFA is a groundbreaking public education program that teaches the skills needed to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance misuse challenges and crises. Click HERE to sign up for a one-day training session.



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