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Wellness and Mental Health

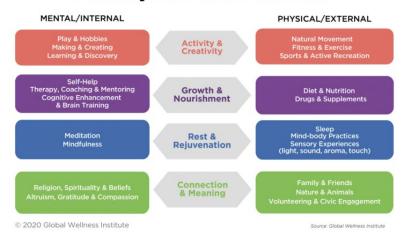
Wellness and mental health involve caring for your mind and body, ensuring emotional balance, and building resilience to live a healthier more fulfilling life.







Pathways to Mental Wellness



Mental Wellness - Global Wellness Institute

Digital Wellness Toolkit (Offered by National Institutes of Health)

Link to access: Your Healthiest Self: Wellness Toolkits | National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Each person's "healthiest self" is different. We have different bodies, minds, living situations, and people influencing our lives. Each area can impact your overall health. This means we each have a unique set of health needs. Use our wellness toolkits to find ways to improve your well-being in any area you'd like.

Scan this QR Code to access the digital wellness toolkit



Article: 22 Ways to Calm Yourself Down

Link to access: How to Calm Down: 22 Things to Do When You're Anxious or Angry (healthline.com)

*Free resource

When you're angry or anxious, some practices, including breathing techniques and releasing emotional energy, may help you calm yourself down.

Scan this QR Code to access



Nurturing vs. Depleting Worksheet

Link to access: Nurturing-vs.-Depleting-Activities.pdf (b-cdn.net)

*Free resource

The things we do each day can either enhance or take away from our wellbeing in the long run. While

we all find ourselves doing things we 'need' to do (e.g., work, looking after others, or running errands), it can be particularly easy to neglect the things that give us life and energy.

The goal of this Nurturing vs. Depleting Activities worksheet is to help the reader become more aware of what adds to or takes away from their mood and energy.



Scan this QR Code to access Nurturing vs.

Depleting Worksheet Depleting Worksheet





Day One

Link to access: https://dayoneapp.com/

*Free resource

Digital journaling app with reminders and prompts.

Capture life's moments, anytime, anywhere.

Download the free Day One journal app for free on iPhone, Android, iPad, Mac, and Apple Watch. Or access your Day One Journal from any browser.

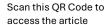
Please visit New: QR Code Login with Encryption Key Integration for Day One Web to access the QR code for your cellular provider and login instructions.

Article: Caring for Your Mental Health, by National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Link to access: Caring for Your Mental Health - National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (nih.gov)

*Free resource

- **Get regular exercise.** Just 30 minutes of walking every day can boost your mood and improve your health. Small amounts of exercise add up, so don't be discouraged if you can't do 30 minutes at one time.
- Eat healthy, regular meals and stay hydrated. A balanced diet and plenty of water can improve your energy and focus throughout the day. Pay attention to your intake of caffeine and alcohol and how they affect your mood and well-being—for some, decreasing caffeine and alcohol consumption can be helpful.
- **Make sleep a priority**. Stick to a schedule, and make sure you're getting enough sleep. Blue light from devices and screens can make it harder to fall asleep, so reduce blue light exposure from your phone or computer before bedtime.
- Try a relaxing activity. Explore relaxation or wellness programs or apps, which may incorporate meditation, muscle relaxation, or breathing exercises. Schedule regular times for these and other healthy activities you enjoy, such as listening to music, reading, spending time in nature, and engaging in low-stress hobbies.
- **Set goals and priorities.** Decide what must get done now and what can wait. Learn to say "no" to new tasks if you start to feel like you're taking on too much. Try to appreciate what you have accomplished at the end of the day.
- **Practice gratitude.** Remind yourself of things you are grateful for daily. Be specific. Write them down or replay them in your mind.
- **Focus on positivity.** Identify and challenge your negative and unhelpful thoughts.
- **Stay Connected.** Reach out to friends or family members who can provide emotional support and practical help.









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access resource

Self-Care

Self-Care is vital as it replenishes your energy and helps prevent burnout, allowing you to face daily challenges with a clear mind and a positive attitude. It strengthens your resilience, improves your mood, and enhances your overall quality of life, making you more capable of supporting others and achieving your goals.

Self-Care Tips and Resources:

*Free resource

Link to access: <u>How To Practice Self-Care: 10 Worksheets and 12 Ideas</u> (positivepsychology.com))

Self-care is all about finding out what we need – what our unique energy-draining and energy-boosting strategies are. They will differ in each case, often substantially.

- **Physical self-care**: This includes activities like eating nutritious foods, exercising regularly, getting enough sleep, and attending medical appointments.
- **Mental self-care**: Activities such as practicing mindfulness or meditation, reading a book, or doing puzzles can help maintain mental clarity and reduce stress.
- **Emotional self-care**: This might involve practices like journaling, talking to a friend or therapist about your feelings, or engaging in hobbies that make you happy.

Work of Care - Self-Care Workbook

*Free resource

Link to access: Work-Of-Care-General-Workbook-2021,pdf

Constructing a life that supports your health and well-being so you can support others, empower yourself to change the moment. Change the moment and you can change the world.





Scan this QR Code to access the Self-Care Workbook



CONSTRUCTING A LIFE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SO YOU CAN SUPPORT OTHERS

EMPOWER YOURSELF TO CHANGE THE MOMENT.
CHANGE THE MOMENT. AND YOU CHANGE THE WORLD.

Work-Of-Care-General-Workbook-2021.pdf

Mindfulness

Mindfulness helps reduce stress by keeping you focused on the present moment, which can lower anxiety. It also improves focus and emotional regulation, allowing you to respond to situations with greater clarity and calmness.







Apps available for download:



headspace^a

Headspace - Offers guided meditations and mindfulness practices, with content for beginners and advanced users alike. (some paid and some free resources)

Link for additional information: https://help.headspace.com/hc/en-us *Requires paid subscription

How can I download the app?

The <u>Headspace app</u> is currently available on Apple (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (smartphones and tablets) devices.

To download the app, search for "Headspace" in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.



Scan this QR code with your phone to download the Headspace app.



Calm - Provides a variety of mindfulness exercises, sleep stories, and breathing techniques.

Link for additional information: <u>Calm - The #1 App for Meditation and Sleep</u>

*Requires paid subscription, offers 14 day free trial

What devices support the Calm app?

Calm is available on iOS, Android, Web, in addition to Apple TV, Apple Watch, Google WearOS, Samsung Health, Samsung TV and Sonos.

Scan this QR code to use Calm's mobile app.





InsightTimer

Insight Timer- Features a vast library of free meditations and mindfulness talks from various teachers.

Link for additional information: <u>Insight Timer — #1 Free Meditation App</u>
*Free resource

Insight Timer is the worlds largest free meditation app with 31 million meditators and over 220k free tracks

You're invited to meditate on Insight Timer



Mindfulness





Article: Six Different Types of Grounding Exercises for Anxiety and **Intense Emotions –**

*Free resource

Link to access: Six Types of Grounding Exercises for Anxiety and Intense Emotions, Shared by Minneapolis Therapist — The Growlery (tothegrowlery.com)

Six Different Types of Grounding Exercises for Anxiety and

Intense Emotions

Scan this QR Code to access the article



Six Types of Grounding Exercises for Anxiety and Intense Emotions, Shared by Minneapolis Therapist — The Growlery (tothegrowlery.com)

Adult Recess; offered from Head Start

*Free resource

Link to access: Adult Recess | ECLKC (hhs.gov)

Adult Recess is a series of animated videos that support participants in moving their bodies in mindful ways to promote and practice regulation skills. Each video guides participants in a warm-up, a game, and an ending reflection. Play alone, in a group, or with children!



Scan this QR Code to access Adult Recess

Physical Health

Good physical health supports overall wellness by ensuring that your body and mind function at their best. Regular exercise and good health habits boost your mood, reduces stress, helps you feel more balanced and energetic, and enhances your overall quality of life. Support overall wellness by ensuring that your body and mind function at their best by keeping your physical health a priority.







American Heart Association –

*Free resource

Link to access: Create Habits that Stick Infographic | American Heart Association

Creating Habits that Stick

The science is in: Your brain can be trained to build habits.

Explore this link for creating healthy habits that stick:



Scan this QR Code to access Create Habits that Stick



Healthy for Good Move More - Create Habits that Stick

American Heart Association -

*Free resource

Link to access: Make Movement a Habit Infographic | American Heart Association

Tips to get active – and stay active.



Scan this QR Code to access Make Movement a Habit



Healthy for Good Move More - Make movement a habit





American Heart Association - 10 Minute Workout

Link to access:

<u>Microsoft Word - DS-16004 HFG 10-minute Video.docx</u>

*Free resource

10-minute Workout Anywhere. Boost your heart rate and brain power with this quick home workout.



Scan this QR Code to access 10-minute Workout Anywhere

American Heart Association. Healthy for Good

10-minute Workout Anywhere

Boost your heart rate and brain power with this quick home workout. For a digital version of this workout, visit **heart.org/movefor10**. Do each exercise at your own pace for 30 seconds with 30 seconds of cardio between exercises (such as high knees, march in place, jog in place).

Rest as needed

Try these tips

Weight(s) can be small dumbbells, kettlebells or anything heavy you may have at home, like a purse, water bottle or gallon jug, backpack or book. Or make your own adjustable weight by loading a small tote bag with magazines or books.

Stabilize yourself as needed by holding or touching a wall, desk or stationary (non-rolling) chair. As you get stronger, test your balance by letting go of the support.

*Please speak with your health provider before starting an exercise program and with a fitness professional for adaptations that best meet your individual needs.

Microsoft Word - DS-16004 HFG 10-minute Video.docx

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

*Free resource

Link to access: Overcoming obstacles: <u>Steps for Getting Started With Physical Activity |</u> Healthy Weight and Growth | CDC

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. As you think about ways to be more active, use these tips to get started and overcome obstacles.



Scan this QR Code to access
Steps for Getting Started with
Physical Activity

Move It Monday

*Free resource

Link to access: https://www.moveitmonday.org/

An initiative that encourages people to start the week with physical activity. It offers weekly workout routines, tips for staying active, and motivational content to keep you moving throughout the week.

{Good for individual, families, workplace}







The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

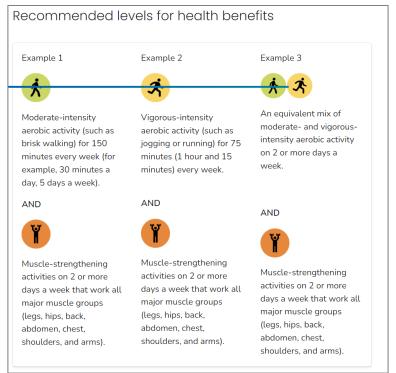
*Free resource

Link to access: Adult Activity Overview, Adult Activity: An Overview | Physical Activity Basics | CDC

Physical activity is anything that gets your body moving. Physical activity supports physical and mental health. The benefits of physical activity make it one of the most important things you can do for your health.



Scan this QR Code to access this resource



Adult Activity: An Overview | Physical Activity Basics | CDC

Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans 2nd edition

*Free resource

Link to access: Interactive tools, fact sheets, videos, and graphics, are available at

https://odphp.health.gov/PAGuidelines/.

The Move Your Way campaign was created by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be used by communities, health professionals, educators, and others to communicate to consumers in plain language about the recommendations from the Guidelines, promote the health benefits of meeting the recommendations, and provide tips for how consumers can meet the recommendations.





Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd edition (health.gov), page 11

Administrators





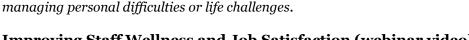


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Child Care Services Center





An EAP provides voluntary, confidential services to employees who need help

Link to access: Nevada Child Care Services Center | Employee Assistance

<u>Program (nevadaccsc.org)</u> *requires login to access information

EAP (Employee Assistance Program)

Improving Staff Wellness and Job Satisfaction (webinar video)

Link to access: Improving Staff Wellness and Job Satisfaction | ECLKC (hhs.gov) *Free resource

This webinar recording explores how to recognize signs of compassion fatigue and foster compassion satisfaction. Learn meaningful self-care strategies that improve wellness and job satisfaction and help staff perform their job with resilience.

Scan this OR Code to access webinar recording



Program Strategies for Leaders and Supervisors (webinar video)

Link to access: Program Strategies for Leaders and Supervisors | ECLKC

(hhs.gov)

*Free resource

*Free resource

Resources to support the wellness of staff whose primary role is working directly with families by using evidence-informed strategies.

Scan this QR Code to access webinar recording



Cultivating Wellness: 8 Dimensions of Staff Well-being

Link to access: Cultivating Wellness: 8 Dimensions of Staff Well-being

ECLKC (hhs.gov)

*Free resource

Consider these eight dimensions of staff well-being, described in more detail in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's step-by-step guide to wellness.



access resource







Practical Strategies for Improving Staff Wellness (webinar video)

Link to access: Practical Strategies for Improving Staff Wellness | ECLKC (hhs.gov) *Free resource

Discover practical strategies for nurturing staff's well-being and hear about ideas and resources to build wellness into their everyday routines.



Center for the Study of Child Care Employment (CSCCE); Model Work Standards Link to access: The Model Work Standards - Center for the Study of Child Care **Employment**

*Free resource

Available for center-based and home-based providers. The Model Work Standards are intended to be used for:

Improving work environment and job conditions

- A self-assessment tool for early childhood programs
- Assessing and updating aspects of the physical setting
- Creating staff/employee handbooks and policies



Scan this OR Code to access the Model Work Standards



Administrators

Health Resources







Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Center

Link to access: Health Insurance: Nevada Child Care Services Center | Health

Insurance (nevadaccsc.org)

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*Free resource

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or "ACA" for short, is the comprehensive health care reform law that made affordable health care insurance available to more people.

• Learn More About the ACA

Scan this QR Code to access Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Center



EAP (Employee Assistance Program) –

Link to access: Nevada Child Care Services Center | Employee Assistance Program (nevadaccsc.org)

*requires login to access information

*Free resource

An EAP provides voluntary, confidential services to employees who need help managing personal difficulties or life challenges.

Vision Insurance:

Link to access: Nevada Child Care Services Center | Vision Insurance (nevadaccsc.org)

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*Free resource

- Vision benefits can be employer sponsored or offered to staff as an employee-paid benefit.
- Vision insurance is offered through Metlife/Davis Vision.
- Premiums must be direct billed/ACH either to the employer or to the individual.
- Read through the Rate Sheet for details on the plans available and costs
 - Vision Insurance Group or Direct Billed Rate Sheet

Reach out to Optima Benefits & Payroll for additional information or to sign up for benefits:

Optima Benefits & Payroll

• Email: info@OptimaBenefitsGroup.com

• Call: 866-839-0511

Community Health Alliance, Nevada

Link to access: Health. Care. Respect. | Community Health

<u>Alliance</u>

Convenient access to affordable, respectful, top-quality care. (Not insurance, but a resource for local health care, dental care options)

Scan this QR Code to access Community Health Alliance information







Health Resources

Community Health Centers

Link to access: Health Centers | Nevada Primary Care Association | Nevada, USA *Locations available in Reno, Sparks, Rural Nevada, and Southern Nevada What is a community health center: Community Health Centers (CHCs) are non-profit, community-based, and patient-directed organizations that deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services.

Scan this QR Code to access Community Health Centers information



CHCs also often integrate access to pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, and oral health services in areas where economic, geographic, or cultural barriers limit access to affordable health care services. Anybody can receive care at a CHC.

For exact locations, please visit: Nevada's FQHCs or use this QR code:

Good Rx

Link to access: Prescription Prices, Coupons & Pharmacy Information - GoodRx Save up to 80% on prescriptions ¹Easily get FREE GoodRx coupons to use at popular pharmacies.



Scan this QR Code to access GoodRx

Training & Professional Development







UNR Cooperative Extension –

Link to access: Early Childhood Professional Development | Extension | University of Nevada, Reno (unr.edu)

*Free resource

Extension provides ongoing early childhood professional development that improves the knowledge, skills and abilities of child care providers working with young children. All training is approved by Nevada Registry and meet Nevada State Licensing requirements.



access UNR Cooperative

Extension

Offerings:

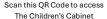
- Wellness- Obesity, Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- Reducing the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Signs and Symptoms of Illness with Blood Borne Pathogens
- Early Childhood Development: Birth to Three Years
- Early Childhood Development: Three to Five Years
- Early Childhood Development: Positive Guidance

The Children's Cabinet -

Link for training offerings: www.childrenscabinet.org

*Free resource

Child Care Providers do so much to shape young minds and we are here to help. We are honored to be able to provide coaching, resources, and the support your child care needs.





EdWeb

Link for training offerings: Events from Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – Monday, February 24, 2025 – edWeb

*Free resource

edWeb.net is an award-winning professional learning network that makes it easy to collaborate, engage in peer-to-peer learning, and share innovative ideas and resources. Our edWebinars provide anytime learning with CE certificates for your PD hours! Primary focus feels to be K-12, but there are some relevant to ECE and administrators/directors.



Scan this QR Code to access EdWeb

BUILD Initiative

Link to access: Tools & Resources - Build Initiative

*Free resource

The BUILD Initiative is a national organization that advances work on behalf of young children from prenatal to five, their families, and communities.

Scan this QR Code to access BUILD Initiative



ChildTrends

Link to access: Early Childhood Archives - Child Trends - ChildTrends

*Free resource

Early Childhood resource







Training & Professional Development

Truckee Meadows Community College, TMCC, Skills Certificates Program (4 available stackable ECE skills certificates available) -

Skills Certificates can consist of a single course or a short set of courses that provide training for entry-level positions or career advancement. These short-term certificates may also prepare students to take state, national and/or industryrecognized certifications or licensing exams.



Childhood Education program information

Skills certificates are awarded upon completion of coursework and marked on a student's transcripts at the end of the semester. Students cannot declare a skills certificate as one's major. Skills Certificates are not eligible for Financial Aid.

Skills 1 - Early Childhood Educator 1, SC | Truckee Meadows Community College Catalog (tmcc.edu)

Skills 2 - Early Childhood Educator 2, SC | Truckee Meadows Community College Catalog (tmcc.edu)

Skills 3 - Early Childhood Educator 3, SC | Truckee Meadows Community College Catalog (tmcc.edu)

Skills 4 - Early Childhood Educator 4, SC | Truckee Meadows Community College Catalog (tmcc.edu)

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Scan this QR Code to access Skills Certificate 4 information

Scan this OR Code to access

College of Southern Nevada's Early Childhood Education

College of Southern Nevada, CSN

Link to access: Early Childhood Education Program | College of Southern Nevada

Early Childhood Education: Infant/Toddler Education, **Certificate of Achievement**

(financial aid eligible)

For additional information: Program: Early Childhood Education: Infant/Toddler Education, CA - College of Southern Nevada - Modern Campus Catalog[™]

The Infant/Toddler Certificate in Early Childhood Education provides students with both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills training necessary for the care of infants and toddlers in family day care homes or childcare centers. This certificate enables students to meet Nevada State licensing requirements for Infant Toddler Director.

Scan this QR Code to access Infant/Toddler

Certificate of Achievement

program information

Early Childhood Education: Preschool Education, Certificate of Achievement

(financial aid eligible) -

For additional information: Program: Early Childhood Education: Preschool Education, CA - College of Southern Nevada - Modern Campus Catalog™ The Preschool Education Certificate in Early Childhood Education provides

students with both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills training necessary for students working in a preschool setting, family day care home, or childcare center. This certificate enables students to meet Nevada State licensing requirements for Preschool Director.

Scan this QR Code to access Preschool Certificate of Achieve information Certificate of Achievement

Crisis Management







If you or someone you know is struggling or having thoughts of suicide, call or text the <u>988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline</u> at 988 or chat at <u>988 lifeline.org</u>. This service is confidential, free, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In life-threatening situations, call 911.



FindTreatment.gov

Link to access: Search For Treatment - FindTreatment.gov

Find treatment.gov is the confidential and anonymous resource for persons seeking treatment for mental and substance use disorders in the United States and its territories.



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Link to access: Find Support | SAMHSA

Support for mental health, drug, and alcohol issues.



Community Health Alliance, Behavioral Health Supports

Link to access: Reno Behavioral and Mental Health | Community Health Alliance (chanevada.org)

We offer a range of behavioral health services for both adolescents and adults, including:

In-person and telehealth appointments

Behavioral health screenings

Evidence-based treatments

Personalized therapy sessions

Psychiatric evaluations and medication management

Substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs

Scan this QR Code

Solace Tree

Link to access: Home - The Solace Tree

The Solace Tree is a non-profit organization that serves children, teens and adults in the Northern Nevada and Central California. All the children and teens served by The Solace Tree are coping with overwhelming grief issues from loss due to illness and death.

Scan this QR Code to access

Wellness Tip Cards

These are small wellness moments designed for you to incorporate into your day. Feel free to cut them out for yourself or share with others to spread the inspiration.

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