

FAMILY TIPSHEET: Mental Health and Wellness Supports During the COVID-19 and Coronavirus Outbreak

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This tipsheet provides a listing of active mental health service providers and family mental health and wellness supports. Meditation and mindfulness apps and websites offering both free and fee-based content may also support the entire family during this uncertain time.

Family Mental Health and Wellness Supports

The Whole Family

- [Chai Lifeline Canada](#): a list of resources, tips and daily schedules of events for families to participate in, created for the community impacted by childhood illnesses.
- [Mindfulness Mondays with CAMH](#): free online mindfulness sessions for caregivers and loved ones in the developmental disability community, regardless of age.
- [CAMH Mental Health Tips during COVID 19](#): General information about COVID-19 and tips to help combat stress, anxiety, stigma and isolation.

Children

- [Children's Mental Health Ontario](#): tips for supporting mental health and wellness.
- [Sickkids ABC's of Mental Health for Parents](#): web-based resources promoting children's mental health.
- [Mindful Monkey](#): meditation for children.
- [Anxiety Canada](#): Tools and resources to help manage anxiety, including resources for children and youth.

Live Counselling for Children:

- [Kids Help Phone](#): Provides counselling via phone, text and live chat to children and youth and parents. Online resources also available. 24hrs per day support. Contact Number: 1-800-668-6868.
- [What's Up Walk-In](#): Counselling platform varies by location. Please check the website to learn more about what is offered at the service provider nearest you. Contact Number varies by service provider.
- [Gerstein Crisis Centre](#): Provides crisis intervention to individuals older than 16 years in Toronto. Contact Number: 416-929-5200.
- [LGBT Youth Line](#) – online peer support by and for people 29 and under. Contact number: 1-800-268-9688 or text 647-694-4275.



Teens

- [BounceBack Ontario](#): A Cognitive Behavioural Therapy based skill-building program created by the Canadian Mental Health Association for individuals ages 15+ available with online videos.

Adults

- [Big White Wall](#): Provides online resources for mental health, also moderated by trained professionals 24/7.
- [Progress Place's warmline for adults 18+](#): Chat online, text or call a Warm Line peer support worker if you feel lonely, isolated, anxious, depressed or in need of a friendly ear.
- [Virus Anxiety: Care for your Coronavirus Anxiety](#): Resources for anxiety and mental health in uncertain times.
- [Hope for Wellness Helpline: Indigenous peoples](#) can call 1-855-242-3310 for immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention (available in some Indigenous languages). [Live web chat](#) is also available.
- [Talk 4 Healing: Indigenous women](#) can get help, support and resources seven days a week, 24 hours a day, with services in 14 languages by calling or texting 1-855-554-4325. [Live web chat](#) is also available.

Helpful Meditation and Mindfulness Apps and Websites

- [Virtual Forest Therapy Walks](#): guided virtual walks are opportunities to connect to others, self, and nature.
- [Insight Timer](#): A free app targeting anxiety and stress relief.
- [Calm](#): Free supports and 10-minute meditations live streamed on Mondays and Fridays on Facebook and Youtube. An app is also available.
- [Smiling Mind](#): A free body scanning and mindfulness app for children and adults.
- [Three Good Things: A Happiness Journal](#): A free App to encourage children and adults to journal about moments that increase happiness.
- [Headspace](#): Offering free "Weathering the Storm" content geared towards children and adults through a website and app. There is free and purchasable content in the app version. Headspace for Kids is also available [here](#).
- [Mindful Powers](#): A free app that introduces mindfulness for children, with some purchasable content.
- [Cosmic Kids](#): A free 14-day trial yoga and mindfulness app for children. A [Youtube channel](#) is also available.

Additional Mental Health Supports

- [Assaulted Women's Health Line](#): A 24-hr crisis counselling line for women in crisis or domestic situations. Contact Number: 1-866-863-0511.
- [Distress Centres of Greater Toronto](#): A 24-hour crisis and distress line, which offers emotional support, crisis intervention, suicide prevention and linkage to emergency help if necessary. Contact Number: 416-408-HELP (4357).

- [Telehealth Ontario](#): Nurses will provide answers to health-related questions with the appropriate care via telephone, or will connect you to an appropriate health professional. Contact Number: 1-866-797-0000.
- [The 519's Emotional Self Care Resources](#): Resource guides for LGBTQ2S communities in different languages.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis please go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

This tipsheet belongs to a set of specialized resources for the COVID-19 and Coronavirus outbreak period. If you are looking for other family resources that have to do with childhood disability, please visit www.hollandbloorview.ca/resourcecentre.

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