Six Nations Health Services CRISIS HUB WELLNESS PACKAGE



Step 1: Warning signs (Thoughts, Images, Mood, Situation. Behaviour) that a crisis may be developing **Step 2**: Internal Coping Strategies – Things I can do to take my mind off my problems without contacting another person. (Relaxation & Grounding Techniques, Physical Activity, Breathing exercises)



The one thing that is most important to me and is worth living for



Wellness Plan (Self Care Plan)

A self-care plan is a set of daily activities we deliberately take part in to improve our inner and outer well-being. Self-care isn't just about pampering or grooming yourself, although that can be part of it.

By following a self-care plan, we take care of our holistic wellness — our mental, emotional, spiritual and physical health. Taking time out of each day to nourish every part of ourselves helps us live healthier, happier, and more fulfilling lives.



Grounding Techniques

Grounding is a practice that can help you pull away from flashbacks, unwanted memories, and negative or challenging emotions. These techniques may help distract you from what you're experiencing and refocus on what's happening in the present moment. They are especially helpful in dealing with: anxiety, PTSD, dissociation, traumatic memories, substance use disorder and self-harm urges.



Pick up or touch items near you Are the things you touch soft or hard? Heavy or light? Warm or cool? Focus on the texture and colour of each item



Take a short walk

Concentrate on your steps, you can even count them. Notice the rhythm of your footsteps and how it feels to put your foot on the ground and lift it again



Listen to your surroundings

Take a few moments to listen to the noises around you. Let the sounds wash over you and remind you where you are



Breathe deeply Slowly inhale, then exhale. Feel each breath filling your lungs and note how it feels to push it back out



Feel your body You can do this sitting or standing. Focus on how your body feels from head to toe. Noticing each part



Move your body Do a few exercises or stretches. Pay attention to how your body feels with each movement.



Put your hands in water Focus on the water's temperature and how it feels on your fingertips, palms and back of you hands



Savour a Food or Drink Take small bites or sips of a food or drink you enjoy, letting yourself fully taste each bite. Think about how it tastes and smells



Try the 5-4-3-2-1 method

Look around the space you are in and list things you notice around you. Notice 5 things you can see, 4 things you can feel, 3 things you can hear, 2 things that you can smell, and 1 thing you can taste

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Mental Techniques



Choose one or two broad categories, such as musical instruments or ice cream flavours. Take a minute or two to mentally list as many things from each category as you can.



Describe a Common Task

Think of an activity you do often or can do very well, such as making coffee, locking up your office, or tuning a guitar. Go through the process step-by-step, as if you're giving someone else instructions on how to do it.







Use an Anchoring Phrase

This might be something like, "I'm Full Name. I'm X years old. I live in City, State. Today is Friday, June 3. It's 10:04 in the morning. I'm sitting at my desk at work. There's no one else in the room." You can expand on the phrase by adding details until you feel calm, such as, "It's raining lightly, but I can still see the sun. It's my break time. I'm thirsty, so I'm going to make a cup of tea."



Imagine Yourself Leaving the Painful Feelings Behind Picture yourself:

- gathering the emotions, balling them up, and putting them into a box
- walking, swimming, biking, or jogging away from painful feelings
- imagining your thoughts as a song or TV show you dislike, changing the channel or turning down the volume — they're still there, but you don't have to listen to them.



Play a Memory Game

Look at a detailed photograph or picture (like a cityscape or other "busy" scene) for 5 to 10 seconds. Then, turn the photograph face-down and recreate the photograph in your mind, in as much detail as possible. Or, you can mentally list all the things you remember from the picture.

Make yourself Laugh

Make up a silly joke. You might also make yourself laugh by watching your favorite funny animal video, a clip from a comedian or TV show you enjoy, or anything else you know will make you laugh.

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Practice Self Kindness

Repeat kind, compassionate phrases to yourself:

- "You're having a rough time, but you'll make it through."
- "You're strong, and you can move through this pain."
- "You're trying hard, and you're doing your best."

Say it, either aloud or in your head, as many times as you need.



Sit with your Pet

If you're at home and have a pet, spend a few moments just sitting with them. If they're of the furry variety, pet them, focusing on how their fur feels. Focus on their markings or unique characteristics. If you have a smaller pet you can hold, concentrate on how they feel in your hand. Not at home? Think of your favorite things about your pet or how they would comfort you if they were there.



Touch Something Comforting

This could be your favorite blanket, a much-loved T-shirt, a smooth stone, a soft carpet, or anything that feels good to touch. Think about how it feels under your fingers or in your hand. If you have a favorite sweater, scarf, or pair of socks, put them on and spend a moment thinking about the sensation of the fabric on your skin.



List Positive Things Write or mentally list four or five things in your life that bring you joy, visualizing each of them briefly.



Visualize Your Favourite Place

Think of your favorite place, whether it's the home of a loved one or a foreign country. Use all of your senses to create a mental image. Think of the colors you see, sounds you hear, and sensations you feel on your skin.



Listen to Music

Put on your favorite song, but pretend you're listening to it for the first time. Focus on the melody and lyrics (if there are any). Does the song give you chills or create any other physical sensations? Pay attention to the parts that stand out most to you.



Picture the Voice or Face of Someone You Love

If you feel upset or distressed, visualize someone positive in your life. Imagine their face or think of what their voice sounds like. Imagine them telling you that the moment is tough, but that you'll get through it.