

YouthWell works in collaboration on youth mental health prevention and early intervention...

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WE PRACTICE SELF CARE IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BY...

our mental health matters









COLLABORATE

TO CREATE CHANGE

YouthWell Community Collaborative

- 60 partnering agencies in Santa Barbara County convene quarterly including school districts, community-based organizations, providers, healthcare, law enforcement, faith communities, and caregivers.
- **Vision:** Increase youth mental health prevention and early intervention efforts. Work towards systemic change that encourages collaboration so that we can fill the gaps and remove barriers to services for all youth and their families so that they can access the care they need in a timely manner through a warm handoff.
- **Mission:** Prioritize prevention, and early intervention (PEI). Eliminate stigma through education and provide tools and tips for managing mental wellness and practicing self-care in order to build resilience. Simplify access and connect youth through age 25 and their families to mental health resources before the crisis.

Behavioral Health Linkages Team

- Convene monthly to educate 40+ resource navigators, probation officers, local crisis lines, and school counselors so that they are better equipped to support families.
- Mission: Build stronger health linkages in order to foster "warm handoffs" and close the loop when referrals are made to ensure youth and caregivers access services. Increase responsible outreach to our marginalized and vulnerable communities. Share referral experiences and learn from each other. Collect anecdotal data to better understand the barriers and challenges to accessing services.



PROJECTS

TO CREATE CHANGE



Email to register: educationmwc@gmail.com

- YouthWell is partnering with FSA and Mental Wellness Center on a SAMHSA Mental Health Awareness Training grant providing **free YMHFA training classes** in Santa Barbara County. Additional Teen MHFA and MHFA for adults are offered by MWC.
- 1-day course designed to teach caregivers, family members, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health workers, and others how to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders and help youth (age 12-18) who are experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis. Classes are offered monthly both virtually and in person. Classes educate about available community resources.

Integrated Care Clinic Serving Youth

- YouthWell is partnering on a 2-year Cottage Pop Health grant bridging connections between Sanctuary Centers, Children's Medical Clinic, and the community to support youth and parents in accessing psychiatric and therapeutic services.
- Vision: Create a systems change where **psychiatrists & pediatricians** work to treat patients with mild to moderate mental health issues that may or may not require in-person visit.

Resource Navigators in our schools

• Working with SB County Education Office and SB County BWell.

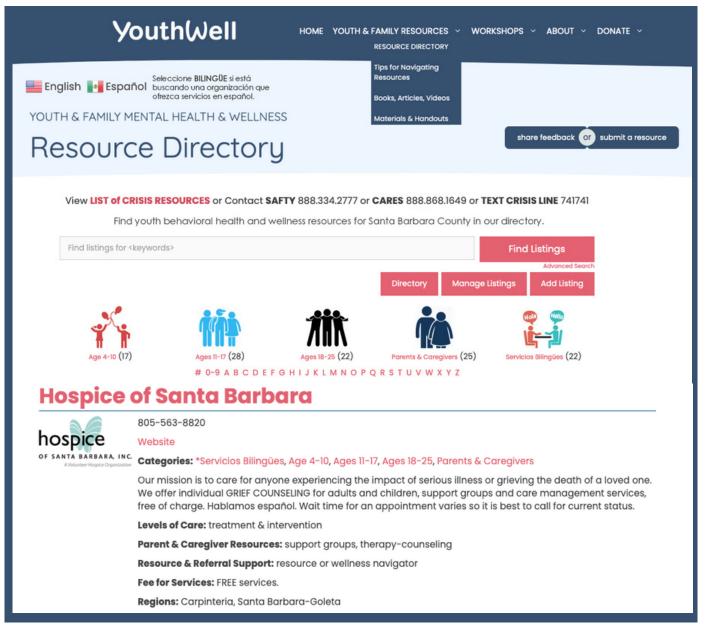
Bring allcove integrated care model to Santa Barbara County

• YouthWell, MWC, SBNC, Cottage, SBCC, SB County BWell, and others meet monthly to bring allcove to SB County. Developed by Steve Adelsheim in Santa Clara County.



CONNECT

youth & families to resources & services





Youth & Family Mental Health & Wellness RESOURCE DIRECTORY

- services for youth **ages 0-25** and families
- 200+ organizations listed for SB County
- view in English & Spanish
- tools for navigating mental health, book list, handouts

May 10 - May 12 >

nd support groups for parents and youth, workshops, parenting classes, youth classes, volunteer opportunities for youth, and more. I e FILTER to choose a category, or to sort by region or age. ADD AN EVENT to the calendar. MANAGE your events. [View our RESOURCE

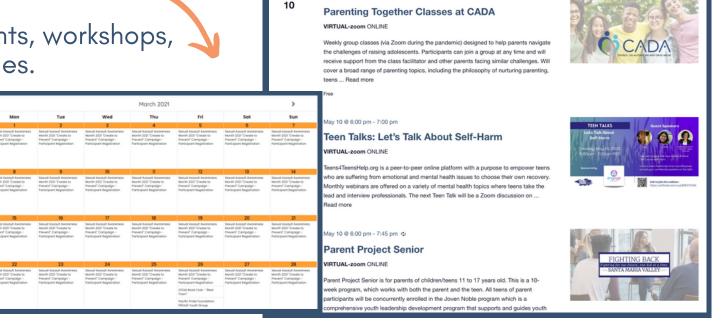
DIRECTORY to find mental health services for youth, ages 0-25, and their parents/caregivers in SB County.]

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 Find support groups, events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities.

YouthWell.org



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Rack Cards

for parents & students English & Spanish

resources

YOUTH & FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

RESOURCES

Caregivers, students, teachers, and providers... It can be overwhelming when a young person starts to struggle with a mental health challenge. You are not alone.

visit YouthWell.org to find...

- online resource directory to help youth, ages, 0-25, and their families access appropriate mental health and wellness services. Find therapists, support groups, treatment programs, crisis resources, and after-care resources for those in recovery. View in English or Spanish.
- online community calendar with support groups for parents and youth, educational workshops, volunteer
- tips to help you navigate. Learn about mental health disorders, how to choose a program, questions to ask a therapist, insurance terms, screening tools, & more.
- book recommendations to help you on your journey. • handouts that provide self-care tips, ideas for educate yourself about mental health...
- Free, virtual YouthWell Wellness Workshops provide a platform for students, ages 10–25, and the adults who care about them to learn. Speakers share tools for managing mental health and tips for practicing self-care in order to build resilience to be better equipped to cope with stress and challenging situations. Spanish interpretation is provided. View past workshop recordings on our YouTube channel.

- 10. Keep Curr Kids Sate: Prevent Human Tratticking in SB County
 Participate in a free 1-day Mental Health First Aid
 training designed to teach family members, teachers,
 and others to recognize the signs of a mental health

HELP LINES in SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

ACCESS LINE FOR SERVICES 888.868.1649 CENTRAL COAST HOTLINE 800.783.0607

RESOURCE DIRECTORY · YOUTHWELL.OR

ousina. & public information 24/7. Multiple languages

SB, Carp, Goleta Lompoc Santa Maria 805.682.7111 805.737.3300 805.739.300

888.334.277

805.964.5245

805.564.3696 805.736.7273

SAFTY CRISIS & HELP LINE

or text 24/7 • all ages

NON-EMERGENCY · 211

EMERGENCY · 911

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SEXUAL ASSAULT

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

MERAPIST · LCSW · LMFT · LPCC

Addresses emotional challenges through a variety of therapeutic interventions. Can help individuals resolve issues with their behavior, thoughts, emotions, and relationships while developing healthy coping skills. Sessions are typically weekly for 45-60 minutes

PSYCHOLOGIST · PhD · PsyD

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Addresses emotional challenges through a variety of therapeutic interventions. Can help individuals resolve issues with their behavior, thoughts, emotions, and relationships while developing healthy coping skills. Sessions are typically weekly for 45-60 minutes.

PSYCHIATRIST · MD · DO

Diagnose and freat mental illnesses with a focus on physical impacts and medication management. Can prescribe and manage medication. First visit is usually a 1 hour assessment. Other information may be requested to assist in the diagnosis (school reports, blood tests, etc). Sessions are typically 15–30 minute check-ins as needed.

CONSENT & CONFIDENTIALITY

- With your consent, health information may be shared with other health professionals to assist with treatment with other health professionals to assist with treatment.

 • The therapist and psychiatrist can work together to create a treatment plan. This can be effective because a therapist who is seeing a patient once a week can share their perspective which gives the psychiatrist a broader view of your child's needs. The psychiatrist can alter the treatment plan to respond to new issues. It can also be helpful to keep your pediatrician informed.

COMMON TYPES OF THERAPY

- CBT/cognitive behavior therapy helps change negative thoughts, feelings, & behaviors through talking Psychodynamic therapy is talking, play, or art-based
- Family therapy brings family members together to identify issues resolve problems and leave new skill

YOU ARE NOT ALONE • TALK TO SOMEONE

t takes courage to ask for help. Call/text a hotline if you

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HELP SOMEONE YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT

ASK FOR HELP OR REPORT A CONCERN...
Trust your gut. It may feel like you're betraying someone bu
you could be saving their life. Youth, talk to a trusted adult

At school... If you're concerned about a student potentially dangerous to self or others, or is being bullied, or has been sexually assautled, talk to a teacher, counselor, or principal Some schools have anonymous online reporting forms.

Continue to **check-in** with the person. Offer support and **listen** without judgment. This isn't something you can fix. **FRIENDS & FAMILY: TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF...**

WARNING SIGNS • MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENG

Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than 2 weeks
Extreme difficulty in concentrating or staying still
Intense worries that get in the way of daily activities
Drastic changes in mood, behavior, or sleeping habits
Risk-taking behaviors or excessive drug/alcohol use
Making plans to harm or kill onseeff
Significant weight loss or weight gain

COORDINATED CARE CHECKLIST OF **NEXT STEPS** TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS OF YOUTH AFTER A CRISIS

Notify your school. Keep them in the loop so they

- Notify your pediatrician. As your child's prima provider, it is good for them to be aware of you child's mental health the same way they are of their physical health. Consider signing a ROI (release of information)
- and pediatrician working as a team Call your insurance or MediCal to find out what
- Find a therapist for your child so they have ongoing support to work with someone that can provide them with positive coping tools.
- Consider working with a resource navigator or educational consultant to determine ne
- Continue to check in with your child and validate
- Use the Youth & Family Mental Health Resource
 Directory and Community Calendar to find service
 in Santa Barbara County... YouthWell.org PARENTS & CAREGIVERS...
- Join a support group. Connect with parents who can share tips from their experiences and learn tools for supporting your family, and yourself. Practice your own self-care. You may need to
- process your own emotions of shock, grief, fear, guilt, or anger. Talk to a trusted friend or conside Check-in on siblings. They are often impacted
- Take a Youth Mental Health First Aid trai

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COMMUNICATION & CONNECTION affectionate angry explosive

VALIDATE

ACKNOWLEDGE

LABEL YOUR EMOTIONS

 exhausted
 nervous optimistic anxious fulfilled awkward grateful betraved grouchy puzzled bored quilty regretful happy relaxed • confused content sad curious hurt satisfied defensive impatient scared · depleted depressed

 devastated insecure disappointed
 invisible sorry disgusted irritated spiteful dismayed thankful lonely energetic

loved

vulnerable

envious

 exasperated
 miserable motivated worried influence negative feelings have over us and allows us to deal with them more effectively. Too often we dismiss our feelings. Reflect on what happened that may have triggered the emotion. Taking time to recognize our emotions helps us understand ourselves and our underlying needs which is important to improving our

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mental well-being.



You feel depressed, anxious, or angry after spending time on social media. You have a hard time sleeping You are preoccupied with the like, comment, or reshare counts on your social posts You're afraid you'll miss something if you don't keep checking your device which makes it hard to feel content. [FOMO: fear of missing out]

You have trouble concentrating on one thing without having to check your phone.

You are isolating and spending less time with others hecklist: set limits & create balance... Only follow people you care about and who post things that make you feel good.

Turn off all notifications. Delete apps you don't use. Set screen time limits with the feature on your phone.

> Put down your phone when you talk to a friend, watch TV, do homework, eat a meal, or go to the bathroom. Turn your phone off at least 30 minutes before you g

Don't check your phone when you first wake up. Gaming... set a time limit. Take breaks to go outside Don't let it replace time spent in person with friends. Choose a friend or family member to detox with and





COMMUNICATION

CHARACTERISTICS OF HEALTHY

STRONG CHARACTER

SELF-LVVE CHECKLIST

MOTIONS I FELT TODAY. REFLECT

Follow us on Social Media



emotional: spend time with friends and family, set healthy boundaries, ask for what you need from others

in the moment, develop healthy coping strategies, show compassion for yourself and others

mental: practice mindfulness and deep breathing, stay





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WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

For youth, parents, and those working with youth, in order to eliminate stigma and open up conversations.

Designed to empower participants by providing tools that promote connection, wellness, and self-care in order to build resilience so they are better equipped to cope with stress & challenging situations.

Spanish interpretation provided.

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cultivating resilience

and finding flow

in sports and









wellness tips for families

reboot, restore, replenish

Wellness Workshops YouthWell.org or YouTube channel



Teens need tools to talk about what's going on with them, and tools for when their friends reach out to them.



COLLABORATE

with our school districts in Santa Barbara County

Working together to educate caregivers, youth, teachers

HOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS CAN HELP...

- 1. Add a LINK to the Youth & Family Mental Health RESOURCE DIRECTORY to school websites.
- 2. Provide RACK CARDS to educate parents about resources and to provide self-care tools & tips.
- 3. Promote Wellness Workshops to families through Parent Square and on Social Media.
 - a. Let families know they can watch past workshop recordings online.

HOW YOUTHWELL CAN HELP...

- 1. YouthWell will keep the RESOURCE DIRECTORY up to date and accurate for families.
- 2. YouthWell will continue to provide mental health EDUCATION to empower students & caregivers.
- 3. YouthWell will continue to educate through SOCIAL MEDIA with tips and facts.
- 4. YouthWell will continue to PROMOTE PARTNER programs through our monthly newsletter.







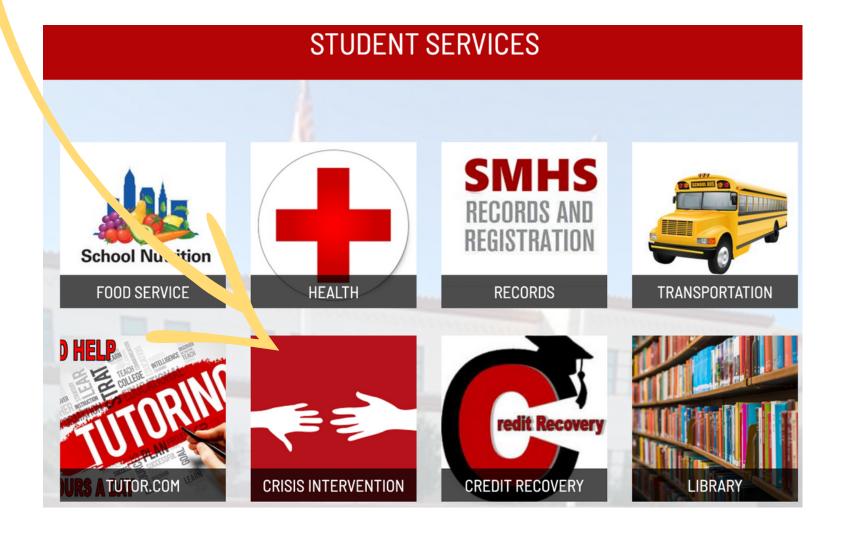


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Resource pages on school & district websites...

SCHOOL DISTRICTS...

- Consider using the words... MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS
 RESOURCES (we want students to ask for help before they're in crisis)
- Create a section that explains **ON CAMPUS SUPPORT** and another section with **COMMUNITY RESOURCES.** (Consider having each school link to the district website for community resources so that this can be kept up to date more easily.)
- Consider putting **links** to the RESOURCE DIRECTORY on school issued **iPads** or the PDF of the Crisis numbers and how to make the call.



County or District websites...

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES

Our mental health matters! It is ok to ask for help. You are not alone. You don't need to be in crisis to ask for support.

ON CAMPUS...

- School academic counselors can help with...
- School psychologist on campus can help with...
- School therpapist, crisis counselors, resource navigators, etc can help with...
- Supportive Groups & Clubs on campus...
- Community organizations providing support or education on campus...

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

• Visit our district website for all of our up-to-date community mental health and wellness resources, helplines, and tips.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Community & National Helplines
- Youth & Family Mental Health Resource Directory
- Community Calendar with support groups, education, etc.

TOOLS & TIPS FOR SELF-CARE

- Parent Toolkit
- YouthWell Rack Card link to PDFs

Our Mental Health Matters Campaign

Let's normalize the conversation around mental health and eliminate the stigma and shame so those struggling can ask for help. Promote a unified message that fosters awareness and educates on the signs of emotional

distress while focusing on messages of hope, resilience, and self-care. Messages: It's ok to ask for help. It's ok to not be ok. You are not alone. You matter.









TREAT YOUR

MENTAL HEALTH WITH THE SAME CARE AS YOU DO

YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH

self-care



SCHOOL BANNERS









Social Media Calendar

MON... affirmations

THURS... spotlight community members

FRI... spotlight partners

SUN... self-care tips

Easy Lift vans Social Media & Newsletter stats

TUES... mental health facts





1,238+ followers



189+ followers



408+ page followers 350+ friends

4,045+ subscribers

36% avg open rate

sent 2x/month



1,700+ views 87+ subscribers



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OUTREACH

to raise awareness,

to educate, and to

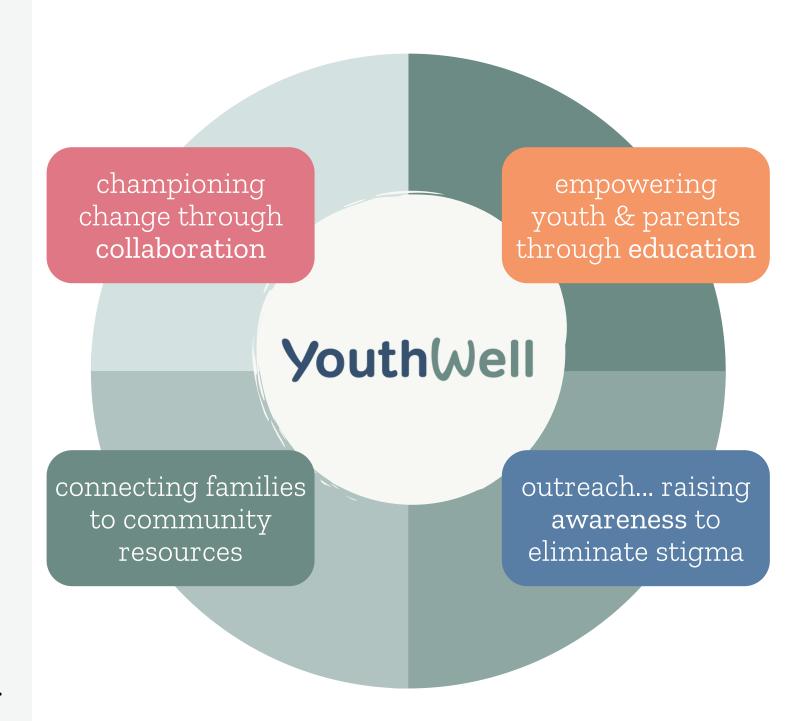
eliminate stigma

YouthWell OUTCOMES Santa Barbara County

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AS A COMMUNITY, We have achieved our goals when...

- We prioritize prevention and early intervention [PEI] the way we do crisis.
- Understand that mental illness does not discriminate. It can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, income, social status, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or background.
- We treat mental health challenges with the same respect and care we show someone who has a physical illness or injury (ie: cancer, broken arm).
- We normalize the conversation around mental health so that youth and caregivers do not feel shame asking for help.
- Families feel supported and informed and know where they can go to find mental health services in the community and on their school campuses.
- Providers, school counselors, and resource navigators help ensure families have accessed the resources they need through a warm handoff.
- Schools are incorporating wellness practices for students on campus.
- Providers are working together to design programs and services before they seek funding.



One of the biggest reasons people don't seek help or support when they are struggling with a mental health challenge is because of the stigma and shame associated with it.

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YouthWell workshops provide extremely helpful information and tools. The speakers are relatable, very knowledgeable and I really appreciate the way they teach the program. -MH Provider

I wanted to reach out to thank you for your incredible resources and work on behalf of our young people in town. Years ago, seeing the same need for a resource guide, our school counselor created a similar guide for us, required to keep it up-to-date became onerous. I visited your site, and for the first time as a principal, I feel that I have the ability to send desperate families to a thorough, well-curated resource. What a relief! -School Principal

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mental wellness. I have learned how to take
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I always appreciate the thoughtful insights my family and I glean from YW workshops. It's ALWAYS time well spent - out of, and can't quite get anywhere else. -Parent

TESTIMONIALS

Our family is enjoying the workshops.
I am also enjoying them as a junior high educator. -Educator

Learning about mental health has made me a more compassionate person and I who are struggling and to help myself. -Student

Every program I have attended with YouthWell has had great speakers & valuable information. The information I have learned has made my family's & my life better. Grateful! -Parent

I was blown away by the workshop yesterday.

Wisdom. You and Dave moved so many of us yesterday. We were all laughing, connecting, and most importantly learning some new skills

We all want and desire connection. You made it for touching me so much. I'm looking forward to practice. -Parent

The Collaborative continues to benefit
Hospice of SB. It is the only meeting where
all leaders come together to share and
coordinate mental health services for youth
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in the community and in our schools. Truly
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