

Clarksville

Feather River

Lakeview

# PRIORITIZING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Trying to tell the difference between what expected behaviors are and what might be the signs of a mental illness isn't always easy. There's no easy test that can let someone know if there is mental illness or if actions and thoughts might be typical behaviors of a person or the result of a physical illness. Each illness has its own symptoms, but common signs of mental illness in adults and adolescents could include the following:

- Excessive worrying or fear
- Feeling excessively sad or low
- Confused thinking/problems concentrating and learning
- Extreme mood changes including uncontrollable highs or feelings of euphoria
- Prolonged or strong feelings of irritability/anger
- Avoiding friends and social activities
- Intense fear of weight gain or concern with appearance
- Inability to carry out daily activities

- Difficuulties understanding or relating to others
- Changes in sleep habits/feeling tired and low energy
- Changes in eating habits
- Difficulty perceiving reality
- Inability to perceive changes in one's own feelings, behavior, or personality
- Overuse of substances like alcohol or drugs
- Multiple physical ailments without obvious causes
- Thinking about suicide

HOW TO COPE



#### **Helpful Coping Strategies**:

Meditation
Yoga
Mindfulness
Breathing Exercises
Grounding Exercises
Journaling
Acceptance
Seeking Therapy

Talk it Out



#### **Avoid These Unhealthy Responses:**

Substance Abuse
Self-Medicating
Violence
Abuse
Self-Harm
Compulsivity
Dissociation
Catastrophizing
Self-Isolating

#### RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Click the link or point your phone's camera at the QR code to access the resources and information below.



### **Social-Emotional Learning HUB**

Go to the SEL HUB to find our schools' resources and support





### Crisis Hotlines and Support



Click this link for National and State Hotlines



## **Community Counseling Resources**

You can find Counseling
Resources that may be available
in your community by clicking this
link.





### You can also reach out to our SEL

**SEL School Counselor** 

school counselor, Mr. Briggs. malachi.briggs@sequoiagrove.org

