

JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH

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INTRODUCTION:

JANUARY. THE MONTH OF RESOLUTIONS, FRESH STARTS, AND... OVERWHELMING PRESSURE. WHILE WE OFTEN FOCUS ON PHYSICAL HEALTH GOALS IN THE NEW YEAR, JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH REMINDS US THAT OUR MENTAL WELL-BEING DESERVES JUST AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, ATTENTION. THIS POST ISN'T JUST ABOUT SURVIVING JANUARY; IT'S ABOUT THRIVING. WE'LL EXPLORE PRACTICAL STRATEGIES, HELPFUL RESOURCES, AND DEBUNK COMMON MYTHS SURROUNDING MENTAL HEALTH, EMPOWERING YOU TO PRIORITIZE YOUR MIND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, STARTING RIGHT NOW DURING JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH. GET READY TO MAKE THIS JANUARY YOUR MOST MENTALLY HEALTHY YET!

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH

JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH ISN'T JUST A RANDOM DESIGNATION; IT'S A CRUCIAL OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE OFTEN-OVERLOOKED MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES THAT CAN ARISE AS WE TRANSITION INTO A NEW YEAR. THE PRESSURE TO MEET AMBITIOUS GOALS, THE POST-HOLIDAY BLUES, SHORTER DAYS, AND THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S STRESSORS CAN ALL TAKE A TOLL ON OUR MENTAL WELL-BEING. BY CONSCIOUSLY FOCUSING ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING JANUARY, WE LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER YEAR AHEAD. THIS MONTH SERVES AS A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT A LUXURY; IT'S A NECESSITY FOR OVERALL WELL-BEING.

COMBATING THE JANUARY BLUES: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVED MENTAL WELL-BEING

THE "JANUARY BLUES" ARE A REAL PHENOMENON. THE FESTIVE SEASON ENDS, AND THE REALITY OF DAILY LIFE CAN FEEL PARTICULARLY DAUNTING. BUT DON'T DESPAIR! HERE ARE SOME PROACTIVE STRATEGIES TO COMBAT THOSE FEELINGS AND NURTURE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH:

SET REALISTIC GOALS: FORGET THE UNREALISTIC RESOLUTIONS. INSTEAD, SET SMALL, ACHIEVABLE GOALS THAT BUILD CONFIDENCE AND MOMENTUM. FOCUS ON PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION.

PRIORITIZE SELF-CARE: SELF-CARE ISN'T SELFISH; IT'S ESSENTIAL. THIS COULD INVOLVE ANYTHING FROM TAKING A RELAXING BATH, READING A BOOK, SPENDING TIME IN NATURE, OR ENGAGING IN A HOBBY YOU ENJOY. FIND WHAT WORKS FOR YOU AND MAKE IT A REGULAR PART OF YOUR ROUTINE.

CONNECT WITH OTHERS: SOCIAL CONNECTION IS CRUCIAL FOR MENTAL WELL-BEING. REACH OUT TO LOVED ONES, SCHEDULE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, OR JOIN A GROUP THAT ALIGNS WITH YOUR INTERESTS.

PRACTICE MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION: EVEN A FEW MINUTES OF DAILY MINDFULNESS OR MEDITATION CAN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE STRESS AND IMPROVE MENTAL CLARITY. THERE ARE NUMEROUS FREE APPS AND ONLINE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO GUIDE YOU.

MOVE YOUR BODY: EXERCISE RELEASES ENDORPHINS, WHICH HAVE MOOD-BOOSTING EFFECTS. FIND AN ACTIVITY YOU ENJOY, WHETHER IT'S A BRISK WALK, YOGA, OR DANCING.

SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP WHEN NEEDED: THERE'S NO SHAME IN SEEKING PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT. IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING, DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO A THERAPIST, COUNSELOR, OR PSYCHIATRIST.

DEBUNKING MENTAL HEALTH MYTHS: ADDRESSING COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

SEVERAL HARMFUL MYTHS SURROUND MENTAL HEALTH, HINDERING PEOPLE FROM SEEKING HELP. LET'S ADDRESS SOME OF THESE

MISCONCEPTIONS:

MYTH: MENTAL ILLNESS IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. REALITY: MENTAL ILLNESS IS A HEALTH CONDITION, JUST LIKE PHYSICAL ILLNESS. IT REQUIRES TREATMENT AND SUPPORT, NOT JUDGMENT.

MYTH: YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO "SNAP OUT OF IT." REALITY: MENTAL ILLNESS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN SIMPLY WILL AWAY. IT REQUIRES PROFESSIONAL HELP AND SELF-COMPASSION.

MYTH: TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH WILL MAKE IT WORSE. REALITY: TALKING ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS CAN BE INCREDIBLY THERAPEUTIC AND CAN HELP YOU PROCESS DIFFICULT EMOTIONS.

MYTH: MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ONLY AFFECT CERTAIN TYPES OF PEOPLE. REALITY: MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES CAN AFFECT ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF AGE, BACKGROUND, OR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR MENTAL WELL-BEING

NUMEROUS RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR MENTAL WELL-BEING DURING JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH AND BEYOND:

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA (MHA): OFFERS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, SUPPORT GROUPS, AND A HELPLINE.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI): PROVIDES SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS.

THE JED FOUNDATION: FOCUSES ON PROTECTING EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS.

CRISIS TEXT LINE: PROVIDES FREE, 24/7 SUPPORT VIA TEXT MESSAGE.

THE TREVOR PROJECT: OFFERS CRISIS INTERVENTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES FOR LGBTQ YOUNG PEOPLE.

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE MENTAL WELLNESS PLAN: BEYOND JANUARY

JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH IS A FANTASTIC STARTING POINT, BUT THE WORK DOESN'T END IN JANUARY. CREATING A SUSTAINABLE MENTAL WELLNESS PLAN REQUIRES ONGOING COMMITMENT AND SELF-AWARENESS. CONSIDER:

REGULAR CHECK-INS: SCHEDULE REGULAR TIME FOR SELF-REFLECTION AND ASSESS YOUR MENTAL HEALTH.

BUILDING A SUPPORT SYSTEM: NURTURE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILD A STRONG SUPPORT NETWORK.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING: STAY INFORMED ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES.

PRIORITIZING PREVENTION: IMPLEMENT SELF-CARE PRACTICES PROACTIVELY TO PREVENT FUTURE CHALLENGES.

CONCLUSION:

JANUARY MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH OFFERS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PRIORITIZE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER YEAR. BY EMBRACING THE STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES OUTLINED IN THIS POST, YOU CAN ACTIVELY COMBAT THE JANUARY BLUES, CHALLENGE HARMFUL MYTHS, AND CREATE A SUSTAINABLE MENTAL WELLNESS PLAN THAT SUPPORTS YOU THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. REMEMBER, PRIORITIZING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH ISN'T SELFISH; IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR LIVING A FULFILLING LIFE.

FAQs:

1. WHAT IF I'M STRUGGLING TO STICK TO MY SELF-CARE ROUTINE? START SMALL AND BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF. TRY INCORPORATING ONE SMALL SELF-CARE ACTIVITY EACH DAY, GRADUALLY BUILDING UP TO A MORE CONSISTENT ROUTINE. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ADJUST YOUR PLAN AS NEEDED.

1. HOW CAN I SUPPORT A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH? LISTEN EMPATHETICALLY, OFFER SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, AND GENTLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP IF NEEDED. EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

1. ARE THERE ANY FREE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT? YES, MANY ORGANIZATIONS OFFER FREE RESOURCES, INCLUDING HELPLINES, ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. CHECK OUT THE RESOURCES LISTED IN THE ARTICLE.

1. WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START WITH MENTAL HEALTH SELF-CARE? BEGIN BY IDENTIFYING ACTIVITIES THAT BRING YOU JOY OR RELAXATION. EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES LIKE MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION, OR SPENDING TIME IN NATURE. FOCUS ON WHAT FEELS RIGHT FOR YOU.

1. IS IT NORMAL TO FEEL OVERWHELMED DURING JANUARY? YES, THE PRESSURE TO MEET NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AND THE POST-HOLIDAY LETDOWN CAN BE OVERWHELMING. ACKNOWLEDGING THESE FEELINGS AND SEEKING SUPPORT WHEN NEEDED IS CRUCIAL. REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

📖 **January mental wellness month: Psychologs Magazine January 2022** Gopa Bhardwaj, C.R. Mukundan, 2022-01-01 Psychologs, a magazine produced by Utsaah Psychological Services, stands as a venerable and authoritative publication within the field of mental health. Its pages are a treasure trove of insights and knowledge regarding mental well-being. Over the years, it has cemented its reputation as a reliable source for expert guidance, boasting contributions from esteemed mental health professionals across India.

January mental wellness month: The Uncovery Devotional George A. Wood, Brit Eaton, 2023-10-31 All of us are recovering from something. Whether it's an addiction, a painful incident from our past, or a daily challenge just to get by in this world, something is holding us back from the promised-land life God wants for us. Real recovery isn't a one-time event or a process that fits into twelve steps or a preset length of time. Uncovering how to live free of what holds you back is a lifelong journey, and one that is best traveled with others. The Uncovery Devotional: Rethinking Recovery One Day at a Time will help you take those steps toward a better, healthier, happier you. The authors, George A. Wood and Brit Eaton, know that battles with addiction, mental health, suicidal thoughts, and past trauma cannot be won overnight. They've been in your shoes. And they provide the love, commitment, and compassion that will help you uncover and heal the bottom-line issue that causes you to struggle in the first place. Each month follows a theme, such as reflection, relationship, and reconciliation, while each day provides a short Scripture and prayer. Wild opportunities for hope, healing, and transformation exist for you in the Christian recovery space because you're not working to recover an old, broken life—you're going after a brand new one. You'll discover the truth about who you really are and Whose you really are so that you can reach

deep levels of healing and deliverance.

january mental wellness month: Mental Wellness Programs for Employees R.H. Egdahl, D.C. Walsh, W.B. Goldbeck, 2012-12-06 Address to the Conference on Employee Mental Wellness by Walter B. Wriston, Chairman, Citicorp The mental well-being of employees is a subject of fundamental importance to each of us, our companies, our professions, and the nation. Both the Washington Business Group on Health and Boston University's Center for Industry and Health Care should be commended for the timely initiative this conference represents. I hope it will be come an ongoing effort to improve the mental health services to the nation's private sector workers and their dependents. I have had a deep interest in the delivery of health care for a long time, both from the perspective of a major employer and from my participation in the governance of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. It has also been my privilege to chair the Business Round table's Task Force on Health and to serve on the President's Labor Management Committee which, among other things, has been working on health care problems. This experience obviously does not give me any claim to special expertise on the issue of mental health. It may prove helpful, however, as we work together formulating our thoughts about the nation's health system, the role of industry, and where the mental health issue fits into the picture.

january mental wellness month: ABC of Mental Health Teifion Davies, Tom Craig, 2009-07-06 Mental health services have changed completely in the UK, and the new edition of ABC of Mental Health has been thoroughly updated and revised to reflect this. Providing clear practical advice on how to recognise, diagnose and manage mental disorders successfully and safely, with sections on selecting drugs and psychological treatments, and improving compliance, ABC of Mental Health also contains information on the major categories of mental health disorders, the mental health needs of vulnerable groups (such as the elderly, children, homeless and ethnic minorities) and the psychological treatments. Fully up to date with recent mental health legislation, this new edition is as comprehensive as it is invaluable. By covering the mental health needs of special groups, this ABC equips GPs, hospital doctors, nurses, counsellors and social workers with all the information they need for the day to day management of patients with mental health problems.

january mental wellness month: A Mind that Found Itself Clifford Whittingham Beers, 1923 The publication of this work resulted in a public outcry in the 1900's that began an inquiry into the state of U.S. mental health care and psychiatric services. It contributed significantly to the mental hygiene movement and to establish the National Committee for Mental Hygiene

january mental wellness month: You are Not Alone , 1992

january mental wellness month: Psychologs Magazine January 2022 issue Arvind Otta, Jai Prakash, Uday K. Sinha, 2022-01-01 Psychologs is a Mental Health Magazine that offers a wide range of awareness and knowledge about Mental health published by Utsaah Psychological Services. Reliable & authentic source of expert advice from renowned Mental Health professionals in India.

january mental wellness month: Drunk Yoga Eli Walker, 2019-01-15 The OFFICIAL Drunk Yoga book by the rebel behind the viral phenomenon! The Drunk Yoga craze is taking over... not even your bookshelf is safe! The official Drunk Yoga book includes 50 fun (and funny!) variations on traditional yoga poses including: Merlot-sana Vino-yasa WERK-Sasana Shot-a-runga Sip-da-Vino-sana Malbec-asana Bottle-konasana and so much more! In addition, you'll learn the Drunk Yoga rules (so you don't make any pour decisions), partner activities (so you won't have to drink alone), hilarious fun facts, crazy stories from real Drunk Yoga classes, poems, drawings, and other fun surprises! Full of wine, yoga, jokes, and joy, Drunk Yoga is for the experienced yogi, the average barfly, the social butterfly, and the wallflower who needs a few sips of liquid courage. It's about wine. And yoga. And not taking yourself too seriously. Already a huge hit for bachelor and bachelorette parties, birthday celebrations, and even office and team-building activities, this official book is founder Eli Walker's newest way to bring Drunk Yoga to you, wherever you are. Drink wine. Do yoga. Be happy.

january mental wellness month: The Inner Level Richard Wilkinson, Kate Pickett, 2020-01-21 A groundbreaking investigation of how inequality infects our minds and gets under our

skin Why are people more relaxed and at ease with each other in some countries than others? Why do we worry so much about what others think of us and often feel social life is a stressful performance? Why is mental illness three times as common in the USA as in Germany? Why is the American dream more of a reality in Denmark than the USA? What makes child well-being so much worse in some countries than others? As *The Inner Level* demonstrates, the answer to all these is inequality. In *The Spirit Level* Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett put inequality at the center of public debate by showing conclusively that less equal societies fare worse than more equal ones across everything from education to life expectancy. *The Inner Level* now explains how inequality affects us individually, altering how we think, feel and behave. It sets out the overwhelming evidence that material inequities have powerful psychological effects: when the gap between rich and poor increases, so does the tendency to define and value ourselves and others in terms of superiority and inferiority. A deep well of data and analysis is drawn upon to empirically show, for example, that low social status leads to elevated levels of stress hormones, and how rates of anxiety, depression and addictions are intimately related to the inequality which makes that status paramount. Wilkinson and Pickett describe how these responses to hierarchies evolved, and why the impacts of inequality on us are so severe. In doing so, they challenge the conception that humans are inescapably competitive and self-interested. They undermine, too, the idea that inequality is the product of natural differences in individual ability. This book draws together many of the most urgent problems facing societies today, but it is not just an index of our ills. It demonstrates that societies based on fundamental equalities, sharing and reciprocity generate much higher levels of well-being, and lays out the path towards them.

january mental wellness month: Mental Wellbeing and Psychology Sue Barker, 2019-12-18 *Mental Wellbeing and Psychology* unpacks the philosophical and psychological need to understand ourselves through an exploration of historical archives and artistic creativity. This focuses on some practical, evidence-based approaches to developing mental wellbeing. The book uses phenomenological psychology to explore the materials developed by the Stiwadio Arts group and offers an understanding of one's experiences of their world, recognising that these are embodied and perceived within a temporal and relational place. It offers examples for developing mental health and wellbeing interventions for charities, private care and the NHS. It provides an evidence base for the use of creativity and historical resources in mental health care. This book will be of great interest for academics, researchers and post-graduate students in the field of mental wellbeing, nursing and mentalhealth nursing, occupational therapy and social work.

january mental wellness month: *The Unapologetic Guide to Black Mental Health* Rheeda Walker, 2020-05-01 An unapologetic exploration of the Black mental health crisis—and a comprehensive road map to getting the care you deserve in an unequal system. We can't deny it any longer: there is a Black mental health crisis in our world today. Black people die at disproportionately high rates due to chronic illness, suffer from poverty, under-education, and the effects of racism. This book is an exploration of Black mental health in today's world, the forces that have undermined mental health progress for African Americans, and what needs to happen for African Americans to heal psychological distress, find community, and undo years of stigma and marginalization in order to access effective mental health care. In *The Unapologetic Guide to Black Mental Health*, psychologist and African American mental health expert Rheeda Walker offers important information on the mental health crisis in the Black community, how to combat stigma, spot potential mental illness, how to practice emotional wellness, and how to get the best care possible in system steeped in racial bias. This breakthrough book will help you: Recognize mental and emotional health problems Understand the myriad ways in which these problems impact overall health and quality of life and relationships Develop psychological tools to neutralize ongoing stressors and live more fully Navigate a mental health care system that is unequal It's past time to take Black mental health seriously. Whether you suffer yourself, have a loved one who needs help, or are a mental health professional working with the Black community, this book is an essential and much-needed resource.

january mental wellness month: Chase's Calendar of Events 2021 Editors of Chase's, 2020-10-27 Find out what's going on any day of the year, anywhere across the globe! The world's date book since 1957, Chase's is the definitive, authoritative, day-by-day resource of what the world is celebrating and commemorating. From national days to celebrity birthdays, from historical anniversaries to astronomical phenomena, from award ceremonies and sporting events to religious festivals and carnivals, Chase's is the must-have reference used by experts and professionals—a one-stop shop with 12,500 entries for everything that is happening now or is worth remembering from the past. Completely updated for 2021, Chase's also features extensive appendices as well as a companion website that puts the power of Chase's at the user's fingertips. 2021 is packed with special events and observances, including National days and public holidays of every nation on Earth The 400th anniversary of the Plymouth pilgrim Thanksgiving The 200th independence anniversary from Spain of its Central and South American colonies. The 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre Scores of new special days, weeks and months Birthdays of new world leaders, office holders, and breakout stars And much more! All from the reference book that Publishers Weekly calls one of the most impressive reference volumes in the world.

january mental wellness month: It's Kind of a Funny Story Ned Vizzini, 2010-09-25 Like many ambitious New York City teenagers, Craig Gilner sees entry into Manhattan's Executive Pre-Professional High School as the ticket to his future. Determined to succeed at life—which means getting into the right high school to get into the right college to get the right job—Craig studies night and day to ace the entrance exam, and does. That's when things start to get crazy. At his new school, Craig realizes that he isn't brilliant compared to the other kids; he's just average, and maybe not even that. He soon sees his once-perfect future crumbling away.

january mental wellness month: Happy Healthy You KJ Landis, 2017-08-15 The successful life coach and author of *Superior Self* offers concrete, easy-to-follow strategies for bringing more health and happiness into your life. With our hectic modern lives, it's easy to feel drained and worn down. But when we stop to consider what's tapping our energy most, we discover that old habits, unconscious patterns, and past experiences are dragging us down and blocking our self-growth. In *Happy Healthy You*, life coach KJ Landis helps identify how, why, and where we get ourselves stuck, and how we can utilize the drama and trauma of the past as a springboard to becoming our most authentic, vibrant selves. We all face a lot of stress in our day to day lives. Over time, those stressors can build into a major obstacle, causing us to retreat into survival mode. And when you're only surviving, you're not thriving. KJ Landis knows the story all too well—because she lived it herself. Now, she provides the playbook for tackling the blockages in our lives and moving beyond them to a life of happiness and health. In this book you will learn: • The root of what keeps us “stuck” in our lives • How to use the Negative Thought Pot to rid ourselves of self-deprecating beliefs • How hormones and epigenetics affect mental and physical wellness • The role of nutrition in our day-to-day health • Therapeutic movement as a mode of healing • The power of self-care through restorative practices • And much, much more!

january mental wellness month: The Precipice of Mental Health Achea Redd, 2022-05-03 The mental health crisis is worse than ever: In an age of increasing isolation, insecurity, and loss, people are suffering, and not everyone is able to afford or access the help that they need. Mental health activist Achea Redd wants to change that, because for her, it's personal. Though Redd seemingly led a charmed life as the daughter of a pastor and wife of NBA legend and former Olympian Michael Redd, the mother of two battled debilitating mental illness. In *The Precipice of Mental Health*, Redd shares her remarkably reflective story about the societal issues of mental health and her personal mental health struggles, including eating disorders, panic attacks, suicidal ideation, and the impact COVID-19 had on her battle. --

january mental wellness month: Statutes of California and Digests of Measures California, 2004

january mental wellness month: Oxford Textbook of Community Mental Health Graham Thornicroft, 2011-08-18 Community mental health care has evolved as a discipline over the past 50

years, and within the past 20 years, there have been major developments across the world. The Oxford Textbook of Community Mental Health is the most comprehensive and authoritative review published in the field, written by an international and interdisciplinary team.

january mental wellness month: Corporate Wellness Programs Ronald J. Burke, Astrid M. Richardsen, 2014-11-28 *Corporate Wellness Programs* offers contributions from international experts, examining the planning, implementation and evaluation of wellness initiatives in organizations, and offering guidance on how to introduce these programs in to the workplace.

january mental wellness month: Healing Thomas Insel, MD, 2022-02-22 A bold, expert, and actionable map for the re-invention of America's broken mental health care system. "Healing is truly one of the best books ever written about mental illness, and I think I've read them all. —Pete Earley, author of *Crazy As* director of the National Institute of Mental Health, Dr. Thomas Insel was giving a presentation when the father of a boy with schizophrenia yelled from the back of the room, "Our house is on fire and you're telling me about the chemistry of the paint! What are you doing to put out the fire?" Dr. Insel knew in his heart that the answer was not nearly enough. The gargantuan American mental health industry was not healing millions who were desperately in need. He left his position atop the mental health research world to investigate all that was broken—and what a better path to mental health might look like. In the United States, we have treatments that work, but our system fails at every stage to deliver care well. Even before COVID, mental illness was claiming a life every eleven minutes by suicide. Quality of care varies widely, and much of the field lacks accountability. We focus on drug therapies for symptom reduction rather than on plans for long-term recovery. Care is often unaffordable and unavailable, particularly for those who need it most and are homeless or incarcerated. Where was the justice for the millions of Americans suffering from mental illness? Who was helping their families? But Dr. Insel also found that we do have approaches that work, both in the U.S. and globally. Mental illnesses are medical problems, but he discovers that the cures for the crisis are not just medical, but social. This path to healing, built upon what he calls the three Ps (people, place, and purpose), is more straightforward than we might imagine. Dr. Insel offers a comprehensive plan for our failing system and for families trying to discern the way forward. The fruit of a lifetime of expertise and a global quest for answers, *Healing* is a hopeful, actionable account and achievable vision for us all in this time of mental health crisis.

january mental wellness month: Educator Wellness Plan Book Tina H. Boogren, Timothy D. Kanold, Jasmine K. Kullar, 2023-06-06 Educators' daily stressors can easily accumulate without intentional wellness actions in place. Designed as both a plan book and journal, this companion resource to *Educator Wellness: A Guide for Sustaining Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Social Well-Being* offers inspirational, practical weekly routines and reflections for teachers committed to improving their wellness practices throughout the school year. Use this plan book and journal to: Commit to practices that encourage well-being in each of the four dimensions: physical, mental, emotional, and social Organize your thoughts, collect data on your current habits, and reflect on areas to improve with 46 field-tested tools Monitor your progress on each month's wellness goal and set intentions to encourage long-term maintenance of positive habits Contents: Part 1: About This Plan Book and Journal Part 2: Summer—A Season of Renewal Part 3: Fall—A Season of Opportunity Part 4: Winter—A Season of Perseverance Part 5: Spring—A Season of Transition Appendix: Journal Tools References and Resources Index

january mental wellness month: Lost Connections Johann Hari, 2020-11-12 THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER: A radically new way of thinking about depression and anxiety 'A book that could actually make us happy' SIMON AMSTELL 'This amazing book will change your life' ELTON JOHN 'One of the most important texts of recent years' BRITISH JOURNAL OF GENERAL PRACTICE 'Brilliant, stimulating, radical' MATT HAIG 'The more people read this book, the better off the world will be' NAOMI KLEIN 'Wonderful' HILLARY CLINTON 'Eye-opening' GUARDIAN 'Brilliant for anyone wanting a better understanding of mental health' ZOE BALL 'A game-changer' DAVINA MCCALL 'Extraordinary' DR MAX PEMBERTON Depression and anxiety are now at epidemic levels. Why? Across the world, scientists have uncovered evidence for nine different

causes. Some are in our biology, but most are in the way we are living today. Lost Connections offers a radical new way of thinking about this crisis. It shows that once we understand the real causes, we can begin to turn to pioneering new solutions – ones that offer real hope.

january mental wellness month: What Made Maddy Run Kate Fagan, 2017-08-01 The heartbreaking story of college athlete Madison Holleran, whose life and death by suicide reveal the struggle of young people suffering from mental illness today in this #1 New York Times Sports and Fitness bestseller. If you scrolled through the Instagram feed of 19-year-old Maddy Holleran, you would see a perfect life: a freshman at an Ivy League school, recruited for the track team, who was also beautiful, popular, and fiercely intelligent. This was a girl who succeeded at everything she tried, and who was only getting started. But when Maddy began her long-awaited college career, her parents noticed something changed. Previously indefatigable Maddy became withdrawn, and her thoughts centered on how she could change her life. In spite of thousands of hours of practice and study, she contemplated transferring from the school that had once been her dream. When Maddy's dad, Jim, dropped her off for the first day of spring semester, she held him a second longer than usual. That would be the last time Jim would see his daughter. What Made Maddy Run began as a piece that Kate Fagan, a columnist for espnW, wrote about Maddy's life. What started as a profile of a successful young athlete whose life ended in suicide became so much larger when Fagan started to hear from other college athletes also struggling with mental illness. This is the story of Maddy Holleran's life, and her struggle with depression, which also reveals the mounting pressures young people -- and college athletes in particular -- face to be perfect, especially in an age of relentless connectivity and social media saturation.

january mental wellness month: The Corporate Athlete Jack L. Groppe, Jim Loehr, 1999-12-28 As Jack Groppe so aptly explains, the rigor of corporate athletics is often even more demanding than that of professional athletes. In my world, one does not have the luxury of an off-season. . . . This book is a must read for all those striving for the gold.-Arthur M. Blank, CEO and President, The Home Depot Wow! This is an incredible book. Every person in business should read The Corporate Athlete from cover to cover and apply it every day.-Brian Tracy, author of Maximum Achievement: Strategies and Skills That Will Unlock Your Hidden Powers to Succeed Today's corporate world is much like the world of professional sports-it is fiercely competitive and mentally and physically demanding, and it requires constant, vigilant training. More than ever, to maintain health, happiness, and career success, executives and employees must become Corporate Athletes. In this book, top business consultant, trainer, and lecturer Jack Groppe shows you how to use the training mentality of elite professional athletes. Based on the latest scientific research, The Corporate Athlete shows corporate competitors how to achieve maximum performance levels-both inside and outside the corporate world. Drawing on the parallels between sports and business, Jack Groppe reveals the integral roles that nutrition, fitness, and self-improvement-mental, physical, and emotional-play in giving Corporate Athletes their winning edge. It's an edge that's crucial if you need to come to a meeting fresh off the plane, pull out all the stops on a big presentation, cut the major deals-and still have the energy to enjoy time with family and friends. This practical and beneficial 21-day program will give you, no matter how overworked you are, the stamina and commitment to develop a world-class career. Learn to: * Have as much energy for your family at 8 p.m. as you have at the office at 8 a.m. * Be on when you need to be on * Respond to change, adversity, and crisis more constructively * Display more positivity and confidence * Eat properly on the road, in the air, and before and during business meetings * Slow down the aging process Take advantage of the same secrets that Dr. Groppe has used to help high-stress professionals-from Olympic athletes and NHL stars to fast-lane executives at major companies like Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Estée Lauder, and Bristol-Myers Squibb-get themselves in fighting shape. Here is the program that will train you to perform at the highest possible levels in both your professional and your family life-because taking optimum care of yourself, mentally and physically, is the best way to take care of business. Outstanding . . . The Corporate Athlete is a truly comprehensive program to help you achieve both your personal and your professional goals. It will help you take control of your life and

effect positive physical, mental, and spiritual change.-Darlene Hamrock, Regional Vice President, Clinique Why do so many top performers call themselves Corporate Athletes? Today's challenging business climate requires every top executive to be perfectly fit both mentally and physically. The Corporate Athlete is must reading for everyone who wants to manage his or her business, career, or profession effectively while living a balanced life. Buy it-it's a great investment.-Leonard Lauder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Estée Lauder Companies, Inc. This is the book to teach you how to perform your job at the highest level possible while maintaining maximal health and happiness.-Jim Courier, French Open champion and former world No. 1 tennis player

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