

ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

THINGS TO DO WHEN YOUR FEELING BLUE !

- Create!! Draw, Paint, or Journal together
- Talk about emotions openly and help label them – use resources like a Feelings Wheel or the How Are You Feeling Today Emoji Chart as supports.
- Write a story each of you can contribute to an on-going story together by passing a notebook back and forth
- Do a new physical activity together!
- Work together to plan and/or make some healthy meals or snacks - we often feel better when we are nourishing ourselves!
- Be in nature
- Make a worry stone or a gratitude jar
- Do calming activities, such as using a stress ball, finding a short yoga video or doing 4-square breathing (breath in for 4 counts (one side of the square) and out 4 counts (another side of the square) as you go around a square in your head) together. Blowing on a hot chocolate or warm cookie are also good breathing exercises.
- Drawing faces or playing "mirror" -role model a feeling or mood and invite your youth to imitate or role-play/skit of a scenario (can use emojis to try to mimic too!)
- Glows and Grows share one good thing or positive event from their day/week and one challenge they've faced or are working to overcome
- For more activities or options contact your Mentoring or Program Coordinator!

YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Conquering depression: how I become my own hero – Hunter Kent - TEDxYouth [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rv9SwZWVkOs]

How We Cope with Anxiety & Stress – MTV TeenCode [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qnYXCLk5bQ]

High Schoolers Talk About Anxiety and Stress [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIq-78ceWmc]

People with Anxiety and Depression Share Advice – SoulPancake [https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=NHf56w1AmPw]

Fight, flight, freeze, fawn Information

https://www.mindbodygreen.com/articles/the-fight-flight-freeze-fawn-trauma-responses

https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/addictionand-recovery/202008/understanding-fight-flightfreeze-and-the-fawn-response



HOW DO YOU FEEL TODAY?

FREE APPS

Calm

Happify

Calm Harm



What's Up



MindShift



RESOURCES

Counselling Connect Saskatchewan: Online Counselling Booking (https://www.counsellingconnectsask.ca/)

Kids Help Phone: https://kidshelpphone.ca/ | Text 686868

Youth Space: Text1-788-783-0177

First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness: 1-855-242-3310 | Chat: www.hopeforwellness.ca

Metis Nation Saskatchewan | Mental Health and Addiction Support | 1-877-767-7572

LGBTQ2+ Youth Line | Text1-647-694-4275 | 1-800-268-9688

ONLINE RESOURCES

HTTPS://KIDSHEALTH.ORG/EN/TEENS/ ANXIETY.HTML

HTTPS://WWW.STRONGMINDSSTRONG KIDS.ORG/

HTTPS://INTROVERTDOODLES.COM/TA G/CHARTS-GRAPHS/ |

HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/INTRO VERTDOODLES