
SELF CARE WORKBOOK

**MAKE
YOURSELF
A PRIORITY**



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INTRODUCTION

Self-care refers to individuals' actions to maintain their physical, mental, and emotional health. It includes many activities, such as getting enough sleep, eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, managing stress, and finding time to relax and enjoy hobbies and activities that bring joy and fulfillment. Self-care is essential because it helps people maintain balance and well-being and cope with daily demands and challenges. It is a proactive approach to taking care of oneself rather than simply reacting to problems as they arise. Self-care is essential for several reasons:

Physical health: Taking care of your physical health through self-care practices such as exercise, sleep, and nutrition can help you to feel your best and maintain your overall health and well-being.

Mental health: Engaging in self-care practices such as meditation, mindfulness, and stress management can help you to maintain good mental health and reduce your risk of developing mental health problems such as anxiety and depression.



ASSESSING YOURSELF

Physical Self Care

	Y	N
Got Enough Sleep	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eat healthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Balanced Diet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Get Regular Exercise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
See a Healthcare Provider when needed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NOTE:		

Mental Self Care

	Y	N
Take time to relax	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Joy and Fulfillment in activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support System	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Practice Mindfulness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stay present in the moment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NOTE:		

Social Self Care

	Y	N
Strong and Supportive Relationship with friends and family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make time for social activity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Set Boundaries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Say no when necessary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NOTE:		

Spiritual Self Care

	Y	N
Have a sense of purpose and meaning in your life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Practice self-reflection and mindfulness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have a sense of connection to something larger than yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NOTE:		

SELF-CARE STRATEGIES

It's harder to plan when you're overwhelmed or in a crisis. However, planning for challenges before they happen gives you insight into the best and most sustainable options for you to recharge and recharge your batteries. Also, each day, proactively taking care of yourself in small ways helps you be better prepared for challenges or unforeseen circumstances.

THINGS I CAN DO EACH DAY
THAT WILL MAKE ME FEEL GOOD
ABOUT MYSELF

WHAT I SHOULD SAY TO MYSELF
WHEN I AM HAVING A DIFFICULT
TIME

WHAT I SHOULD AVOID DOING
WHEN I AM HAVING A HARD DAY

WHAT I CAN DO (THAT IS GOOD
FOR ME) WHEN I FEEL
OVERWHELMED OR UPSET



SELF-CARE IN PRACTICE

Effective stress management can be incorporated into your daily and weekly routines. Research has shown that the following can affect your health and well-being: Relaxation Skills, Food Choices, Physical Activity, and Spirituality/Connection. Write down options that seem right for you, your values, priorities, resources, and lifestyle.

RELAXATION PRACTICE

DIFFICULT FOR ME

FOOD CHOICES

DIFFICULT FOR ME

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

DIFFICULT FOR ME

CONNECTION/SPIRITUALITY

DIFFICULT FOR ME



SEEKING SUPPORT

Seeking support when you're feeling overwhelmed or struggling with your mental or emotional well-being is essential. There are many different ways to find help, including:

1. **Talk to a loved one:** Sharing your feelings with a trusted friend or family can be a great way to find support. They can listen, offer advice, and be there for you when you need someone to talk to.
2. **See a therapist:** A therapist can help you work through your emotions and challenges in a safe and supportive environment. You can find therapists in your area by searching online directories or through your insurance provider.
3. **Join a support group:** Support groups are a great way to connect with others who are going through similar experiences. You can find support groups in your area by searching online or through local organizations.
4. **Reach out to a helpline:** Many helplines available can provide support and resources if you're feeling overwhelmed or struggling with your mental health.

Remember, it's okay to ask for help when you need it. Seeking support is a sign of strength and can be essential in taking care of yourself.



Call 988
Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

For anyone in a crisis of **mental health**, **substance use**, or **having thoughts of self-harm**: a trained crisis counselor is ready to speak with you. There's no shame in sharing how you feel. It's private and available 24/7.

1 Reach Out
Call, Text, or Chat
Dial or text 988 from your phone or visit 988lifeline.org

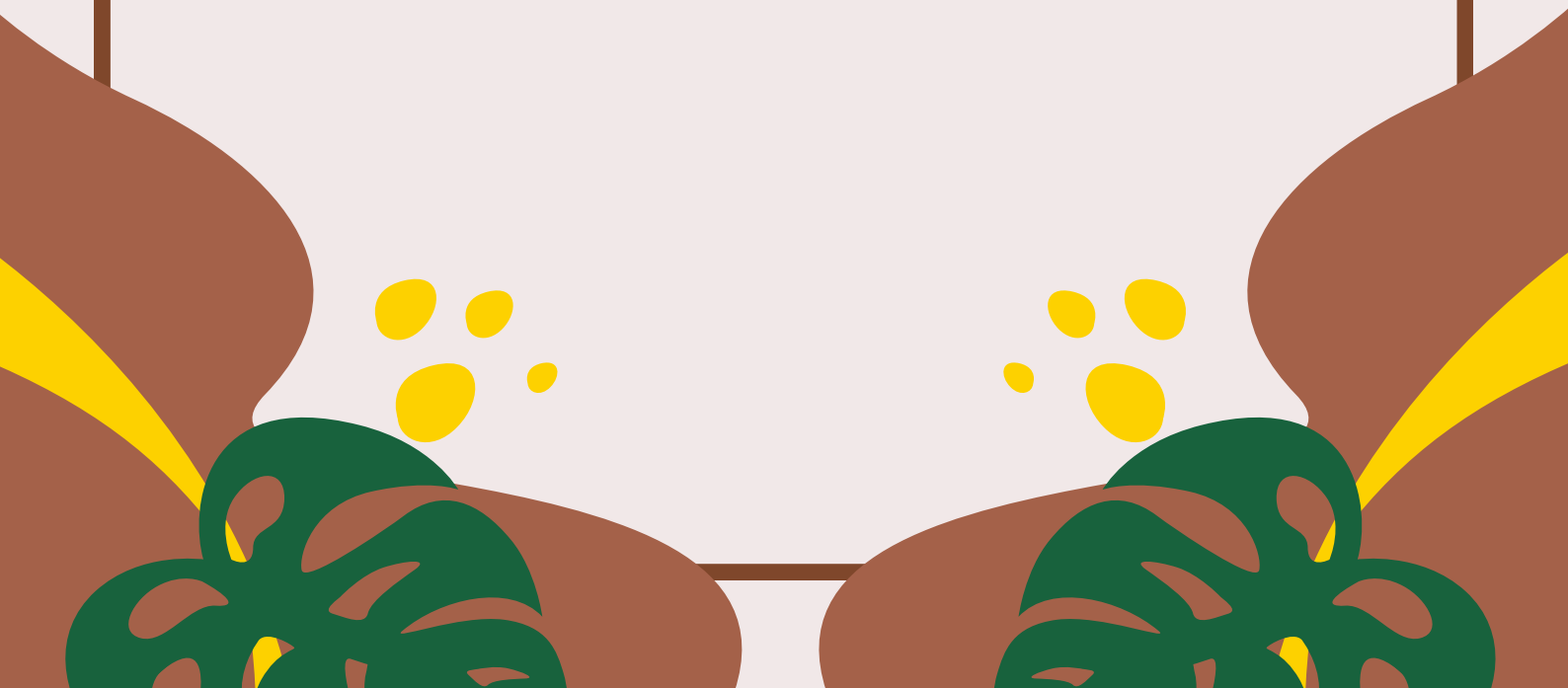
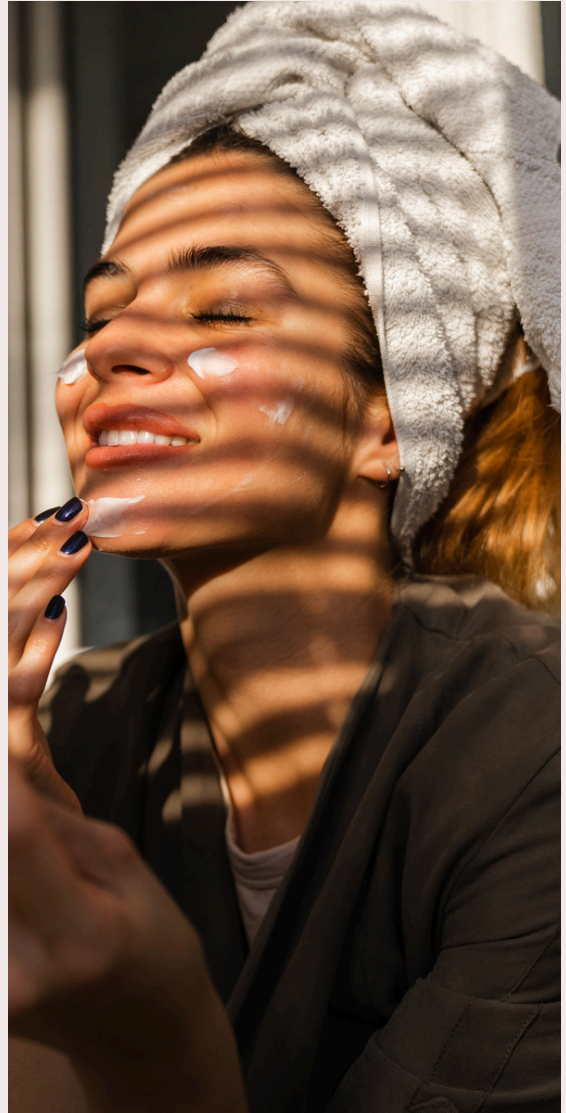
2 Connect
Speak to a trained crisis counselor

3 Get Help
You'll be connected to local resources

ADMH
Alabama Department of Mental Health

CONCLUSION

Self-care is an integral part of maintaining your overall well-being. It involves taking care of your physical, mental, and emotional needs and finding ways to relax and unwind. There are many different self-care strategies that you can use, such as getting enough sleep, exercising regularly, practicing mindfulness, and engaging in activities that bring you joy. It's also essential to seek support, whether talking to a loved one, seeing a therapist, or joining a support group. By regularly incorporating self-care into your routine and seeking support when needed, you can help to maintain your overall well-being and feel more balanced and fulfilled.



TAKE TIME for your SELF

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