



# November 2025 Newsletter

Everyone's journey is unique, and at MAC Counseling Services, we provide understanding and guidance for clients of all ages and experiences. Our skilled counselors help children, teens, adults, families and couples create meaningful growth and lasting well-being.

#### Meet the Provider



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with adolescents, families,
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enhance their functioning
and strengthen their
relationships.

#### Social Media

Stay informed and inspired with insights and updates from MAC Counseling Services—follow us on social media and become part of our growing community!







# Honoring Service and Kindness

#### S World Kindness Day - November 13

World Kindness Day is a wonderful reminder that even the smallest acts of compassion can make a big difference. Whether it's offering a smile, lending a helping hand, or simply taking a moment to listen, kindness strengthens our connections and promotes emotional well-being for both the giver and the receiver. At MAC Counseling Services, we encourage everyone to take this day—and every day—as an opportunity to spread kindness within our communities and ourselves.

#### US Veterans Day - November 11

Veterans Day is a time to honor and thank the brave men and women who have served our country. Their dedication and sacrifice protect the freedoms we cherish. At MAC Counseling Services, we express our deep gratitude to all veterans and their families for their service and strength.











## Coping Skill of the Month

### Nervous System Regulation

Our nervous system plays a key role in how we respond to stress and find calm. When it becomes overactivated—through worry, tension, or overwhelm—it can be hard to think clearly or feel grounded. Nervous system regulation helps us restore balance by teaching the body to shift from "fight or flight" to "rest and restore."

Simple techniques like deep breathing, grounding exercises, gentle movement, and mindfulness can calm the body and mind, promoting emotional stability and resilience. At MAC Counseling Services, we encourage you to try one of these skills to see what your nervous system responds well to.



# NERVOUS SYSTEM REGULATION

BEGINNER CHEAT SHEET

WHEN YOU'RE ANXIOUS / JITTERY / OVERTHINKING (FIGHT OR FLIGHT)

Goal: GROUND + SLOW DOWN



Box / Brething Inhale 4, hold 4, exnale 4, hold 4. (Repeat 3-5 times)



5-4-3-2-1 Grounding

5 things you see 4 things you can toch 3 things you hear 2 things you smell 1 thing you taste



Cold Splash

Rinse face or wrists with cold water to regulate vagus nerve



Shake It Out

Stand and shak arms/leg like you're shaking off stress



Self-Holding

Cross arms asnd gently squeeze your shoulders like a hug



Self-Holding

Cross arms and gently sgueeze shoulders like aa WHEN YOU'RE NUMB/ DISCONNECTED / SHUTDOWN (FREEZE / FAWN)

ACTIVATE + COME BACK INTO YOUR BODY



**Finger Taps** 

Tap thumb to each finger while repeating. "I'm safe / I'm here / I'm okay"



**Humming or Singing** 

Activates vagus nerve & brings you back



Jumping Jacks or Dancing

Move to wake your system up



Sunlight & Movement Step outside, for a walk

Step outside, for a wa (even for 3 mins))



Name What You Feel "Right now I feel..."

ANYTIME RESET TOOLS



Hand on Heart + Belly Deep breaths with tuch =



**Drink Water** 

Sips, not gulps-hydration supports regulation





# Finding Calm & Support This Holiday Season

## Setting Boundaries & Finding Balance During the Holidays

The holidays can be joyful-but also stressful. Setting boundaries with family helps you stay calm, present, and enjoy meaningful moments.

#### Tips to stay balanced:

- Know your limits and say "no" when needed.
- Schedule breaks and downtime between events.
- Communicate your needs clearly and kindly.
- Practice grounding techniques like deep breathing or short walks.
- Getting outside and getting fresh air (especially when it's cold).



#### Food Resources for Families

No family should have to worry about where their next meal will come from. Go Pantry! and GROW offer food assistance to help ease stress and bring comfort, support, and stability to families in need.





