

A GUIDE TO PEACE OF MIND

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Education Booklet

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## About the Education Booklet

Some individuals, both with and without psychological conditions, may believe that pursuing various types of education, be they colleges, trade schools, or other methods, will be unsuccessful or the use of time and resources that would be better spent elsewhere, either for themselves, their children or both.

People with psychological conditions can be just as capable of learning, growing, and achieving educational milestones, whether it be from grade school to college, pursuing artistic endeavors, or learning skills and trades. While there are various elements to consider when deciding whether to increase one's knowledge, please do not let doubting one's self solely because they have a psychological diagnosis be the deciding factor.

In addition, for those who feel their condition affects their ability (or that of their child) to pursue an education, various forms of aid, such as a disability department at a school, or required accommodations may be able to assist an individual in pursuing their interests and help in their personal growth. Please see the Education Assistance listing (section 4) for more information

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## **About Kalamazoo Hope**

Kalamazoo Hope's purpose is to provide support to individuals in the area of psychological health. It seeks to do this by acting as an online guide, and showing ways for individuals to better understand mental health, so that individuals can better care for themselves, be there for those close to them, and improve the lives of those in the Kalamazoo County, Michigan area.

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Kalamazoo Hope is an online mental health service intended to help individuals begin to understand psychological health and connect with related resources; however, as a disclaimer, it is not meant to be used as a substitute for working with a trained and licensed psychological health professional.

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## **1) Artistic Skills and Abilities**

[Academy of Dance Arts & Apparel](#)

[Ballet Arts School of Dance](#)

[Crescendo Academy of Music](#)

[Guitar Center](#)

[The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#)

[Kalamazoo Institute of Arts \(KIA\)](#)

[Marshall Music Co.](#)

[West Michigan Dance Center \(WMDC\)](#)

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## **2) Colleges**

[Kalamazoo College](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College \(KVCC\)](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College Transfer Resource Services](#) - allows an individual to complete a two-year degree, then transfer the credits to another college (such as [Western Michigan University](#)) and have them count towards a four-year degree, savings notable time and money.

[Western Michigan University \(WMU\)](#)

## **3) CPR, First Aid, and Lifeguard Training**

[Certifications \(YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo\)](#)

[Get CPR, First Aid, and AED Certified \(American Red Cross\)](#)

[Mental Health First Aid](#)

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## **4) Education Assistance**

[The Civil Rights of Students with Hidden Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 \(U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights\)](#)

[Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(U.S. Department of Education\)](#)

[Kalamazoo College - Students with Disabilities](#)

[Kalamazoo Public Schools \(KPS\) Student Services](#)

[Kalamazoo Region Education Service Agency \(KRESA\) – Special Education](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College Office for Student Access](#)

[Michigan Alliance for Families](#)

[Michigan Disability Resources - Education \(Michigan\)](#)

[Portage Public Schools – Special Education](#)

[Western Michigan University Disability Service for Students](#)



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## 5) Home Schooling

While individuals with psychological conditions can be capable of learning just as well as individuals without, they may require environments that are familiar, such as home, to reach their full potential.

[Home School Information \(Michigan Department of Education\)](#) - some of this material requires [Adobe Acrobat Reader DC](#) to view.

[Kalamazoo Area Home School Association \(KAHSA\)](#)

[Nonpublic School Information \(Michigan Department of Education\)](#) – some documents require [Adobe Acrobat Reader DC](#) to view.

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## 6) Libraries

Along with providing access to a wide range of material and computers, a library can be a quiet, peaceful place for an individual to study, which may greatly assist and individual in pursuing their studies.

[Augusta-Ross Township District Library \(McKay-Dole Library\)](#)

[James B. Knox Resource Library \(OutFront Kalamazoo\)](#) - has a library dedicated to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other topics along said lines.

[Kalamazoo Public Library](#) – has multiple locations.

[Library of Congress](#)

[The Michigan eLibrary \(MeL\)](#)

[National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped \(NLS\)](#) - a government library program which mails books (paper and audio) to individuals with visual and physical impairments; there are no charges for the materials or shipping (both receiving and returning).

[Parchment Community Library](#)

[Portage District Library](#)

[Richland Community Library](#)

[Schoolcraft Community Library](#)

[Vicksburg District Library](#)

[Western Michigan University Libraries](#) - if one is not a student/staff/etc., they can use the facility as a [Visitor/Guest Borrower](#).

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## **7) School Directories**

[Kalamazoo Public Schools](#)

[Parchment School District](#)

[Plainwell Community Schools](#)

[Portage Public Schools](#)

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## **8) Tuition**

[AmeriCorps \(Corporation for National & Community Service\)](#)

[Education and Training \(U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs\)](#)

[Fastweb](#)

[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

[Kalamazoo College Office of Financial Aid](#)

[Kalamazoo County Day School - Financial Assistance](#)

[The Kalamazoo Promise](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College \(KVCC\) Financial Aid Office](#)

[MI Student Aid \(Michigan Student Financial Services Bureau\)](#)

[Michigan Education and Training Voucher](#)

[ROTC Programs \(Reserve Officers Training Corps - ROTC\)](#)

[Scholarships, Financial Aid and Student Internships \(U.S. Department of State\)](#)

[Social Security Plan to Achieve Self-Support \(PASS\)](#)

[Total and Permanent Disability \(TPD\) Discharge \(U.S. Department of Education\)](#) – can alleviate a student's loans due to a disability under certain circumstances.

[Western Michigan University Student Financial Aid Office](#)

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## 10) Various Organizations

[ACT](#)

[CollegeBoard](#) - homepage for the SAT

[Google Scholar](#) - a version of Google which focuses its searches on more advanced and technical data.

[Hispanic American Council](#) - offers classes for those wishing to become more familiar with the English language.

[Kalamazoo Public Schools Bilingual and ESL Program](#)

[Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency \(KRESA\)](#)

[Kalamazoo Literacy Council](#)

[Kalamazoo Area Mathematics & Science Center \(KAMSC\)](#)

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