

Your path to wellness, made simple. Alta Psychology is here to help.



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# Step 1

### FIND THE RIGHT SERVICES

Not all mental health services are the same. Find the right fit for you.

When it comes to mental health services, there are many options:



**Counsellors:** Short-term support, problemsolving, and guidance for life challenges. They focus on providing general strategies and emotional support, but cannot diagnose or treat mental health conditions.



**Therapists:** Social workers and psychotherapists offer therapy to address emotional, behavioural, and relational concerns. They cannot diagnose mental health conditions but provide more specialized and long-term therapy than counsellors.



**Psychologists:** Psychologists have the highest level of mandatory training and experience, and the broadest range of services. Psychologists are highly trained to assess, diagnose, and treat simple and complex psychological challenges.

### Which professional is right for me?

### Do I need a diagnosis?

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 If yes, consider a psychologist, nurse practitioner, family physician, or psychiatrist. With a psychologist, you can get a detailed report with tailored treatment recommendations.

### Am I looking for medication options?

 If yes, consider a nurse practitioner, family physician, or psychiatrist. In Ontario, counsellors, psychotherapists, and psychologists cannot prescribe medication. If you do not have a family physician or nurse practitioner, a walk-in clinic may be a starting point.

### Am I looking for a licensed professional for therapy?

- If yes, consider a **psychologist**, **psychotherapist**, or **social worker**.
- What level of training and experience do I want my clinician to have?
  - When choosing a professional, consider their education, training, and experience. Need help? See the resource below for more information.

### Do I have extended health benefits?

 Your extended health benefit plans may only cover certain types of mental health professionals. It's a good idea to check your policy to confirm who and what is included.



Scan the code or click <u>here</u> to learn about each profession's education, training, and services.



## Step 2 FIND YOUR DIRECTION

Take a moment to reflect on the changes you would like to make by asking yourself:

- 1. What changes would make my life feel more fulfilling?
- 2. What emotions or patterns keep showing up that I would like to understand better?
- 3. What do I want to look back on and feel proud of?

Then, consider how you might notice progress. What signs would show you that growth is happening?

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Remember, progress isn't always a straight line - setbacks are a natural part of change. Clear goals are about giving yourself a sense of direction.

## Step 3 MAKE AN ACTION PLAN

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# Step 4

### **EXPLORE COPING TOOLS**

Tools and strategies create space between you and the challenges you face, helping you respond instead of react.

Managing stress	<u>Managing Stress - Brainsmart BBC</u> <u>Manage Stress Workbook</u> <u>- Department of Veterans Affairs</u>	Click resou
Coping with worry	<u>My Anxiety Plan Course - Anxiety</u> <u>Canada</u> <u>Worry &amp; Rumination - Centre for</u> <u>Clinical Interventions</u>	them
Connecting with others	How do you connect with others? - Esther Perel Social Support Worksheet - Therapist Aid	
Relaxation & mindfulness	<u>DBT Mindfulness - Dialectical</u> <u>Behavior Therapy</u> <u>Dropping Anchor - Russ Harris</u>	
Boosting motivation	<u>Finding your why - Simon Sinek</u> <u>Try something new for 30 days</u> <u>- Matt Cutts</u>	
Improving sleep & rest	<u>A Good Night's Sleep - CAMH</u> <u>A full night of sleep - Headspace</u>	

Click on the resources or search for them online





If you're struggling, you're not alone. **Help is available**. The free services below can boost your support network and provide immediate assistance when you need it most.

#### For youth (up to age 18):

- Compass (in person) available in Sudbury, ON\*
- OneStopTalk.ca (virtual)\*
- Kids Help Phone (virtual)\*

#### For teens and adults:

- BounceBackOntario.ca (online & telephone coaching; 15 years+)\*
- Ontario Structured Psychotherapy Program (in person; 18 years+)
- Togetherall.com (virtual; 16 years+)
- \* Services available in multiple languages

For urgent support, call or text 988. Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

About

## ALTA PSYCHOLOGY

### Personalized Services to Fit Your Needs

At Alta Psychology, we are dedicated to providing evidence-based psychological services to children, adolescents, and adults across Ontario. Our services are confidential, accessible (in-person and virtual), and bilingual (English/French). We are committed to providing a safe and supportive space for you to explore, grow, and reach your personal goals.

### Services Offered

- Assessment and Diagnosis
- Individual psychotherapy
- Consultations
- Clinical Supervision

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### GET STARTED TODAY SCHEDULE A CALL



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Direct billing available:

- WSIB
- Veterans Affairs Canada
- Interim Federal Health Program
- Many insurance companies

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Do you have questions for us? Are there specific things you want to remember to tell us? Keep your notes here.


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