**HEALTH TIPS** 

## Mental Health

A person's emotional, psychological and social well-being affecting thoughts, feelings and decision-making.



## **Learn More**

Mental health can change over the course of someone's life. Different things can affect it like,

- · Biological reasons: genes and brain chemistry
- · Lived experiences: trauma or abuse
- · Family history: mental health challenges in the family

Mental health symptoms are different for everyone. Some things to watch for are,

- Sleeping too much or too little
- Eating too much or too little
- Isolating or pulling away from people
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb, helpless or hopeless
- Using substances more than usual



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## Care and Support

Different care and support works for different people; it's important someone finds what works best for them. Some care includes,

- Talking about feelings with support systems or a counselor/ therapist
- Ask for help as needed
- Keep a routine that works
- Engage in physical activity/ exercise
- Eat mindful and get rest

Outpatient counseling and therapy services are free and have no co-pays for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) members.

If someone is in crisis it's important they contact the Colorado Crisis Line at 844-493-8255 or text TALK to 38255; this line is available 24/7.

To learn more about mental health visit that NAMI's website at, nami.org.

CARE **COORDINATION** 

Care coordination is free and can be used to help make appointments, get medications filled or set up transportation for your outpatient appointments. Call 888-502-4190 to connect with a care coordinator.



