MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Everyone is in need of mental health supports during a time of crisis. Here are links to some helpful resources that can help you during the pandemic.



MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION

<u>Prana Breath</u> - free Android app for guided breathing

Calm.com - free meditation sessions

Insight timer - meditation app with lots of great free meditations

<u>Healthy Minds</u> - free app for training your mind and maintaining emotional well-being

<u>Sue Hutton Mindfulness</u> - free online mindfulness events amidst COVID19, every Friday 7-8PM EST via Zoom (link goes to Facebook event page)

<u>5 Shaolin Qi Gong breath exercises</u> to strengthen the lungs - face pandemic fears with an awake heart with Tara Brach, guided video/audio

<u>Centre for Mindfulness Studies</u> - free and pay-what-you-can offerings

Inkblot Meditation - live, fully-guided video sessions (no experience required), sessions are free for a limited time

<u>Savyn</u> - free guided square breathing exercises in Arabic and English to produce a calming response to anxiety (no experience is required)

BEING ACTIVE

Downdog - <u>students and teachers</u> (K-12, college) and <u>healthcare workers</u> get free access until July 1st

<u>Lululemon</u> - free yoga and meditation videos

<u>Peloton Digital</u> - offering a 30-day free trial

Wollendance - cardio dance fitness classes, live & on-demand, offering 14day free trial

8fit - quick home workouts

<u>Wakeout</u> - fun 30s stretching & relaxation exercises, offering 7-day free trial

<u>Nike Training Club</u> - free guided workouts

<u>Daily Burn</u> - offering 2 months free of their online workout classes

Doyogawithme offering 2 months of free yoga classes for all different levels

<u>Fitbit</u> - offering select Premium features for free and extended trial of premium

<u>Yoga with Adriene</u> - free yoga videos for all levels

ONLINE TALK THERAPY

(offering affordable therapy or promo)

COVID19 Therapists -

facilitating free mental health services for **Ontario COVID-19 healthcare providers**

Big White Wall - free, online mental health and wellbeing service that helps people deal with everyday stressors and major life events

<u>Good2Talk</u> - provides confidential support services for post-secondary students in Ontario and Nova Scotia

<u>Greenspace Mental Health</u> - finds you a therapist matched to your needs, available for GTA. Sessions in person or online video (therapy fees apply).

<u>7 Cups</u> - connects you to caring listeners for free emotional support 24/7; or be a listener for others

<u>Talkspace</u> - offering \$65 off with code APPLY65

BetterHelp - offers \$40 to \$70 weekly plans (can also be via text or chat - not just video call); US-based but clients can be from anywhere

<u>Inkblot</u> - virtual therapy sessions (\$37.50/30 min sessions, first session is free)

<u>Shift Collab</u>- in-person and online sessions; sliding scale options; free initial consult call

Real Campus Student Assistance

<u>Program</u>, run by Shift Collab - if you are a **University or College student** at eligible campuses, you have access to free therapy sessions (visit website for eligibility)

<u>Affordable Therapy Network</u> - offering reduced rates, low-cost and sliding scale online therapy options

<u>Pathway-Therapy</u> - in-person and online options; currently offering sliding-scale during the pandemic

Open Path Collective - offering sliding scale individual (\$30-\$60) and couples and families (\$30-\$80) therapy options

<u>New Creations Counseling</u> - offers online therapy for individuals and couples with sliding scale

Warm Line - chat online, text or call a peer support worker; 8PM - midnight, every night; or text 647-557-5882 or call 416-960-WARM (9276)

<u>Text4Hope</u> – free service providing three months of daily Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)-based text messages written by mental health therapists - text COVID19HOPE to 393939 (Canada only)

<u>Mind Relief</u> - offering 40% discount until end of May 2020

LOCAL TALK THERAPY (TORONTO)



(offering sliding scale or affordable therapy)

Toronto Institute for Relational Psychotherapy - low-cost therapy

<u>Hard Feelings</u> - affordable shorter term therapy; during COVID-19, some of the counsellors in their community of practice are offering low-cost single-sessions online (\$60 for 60 minutes)

Danielle Hulan Therapy - online therapy for individuals experiencing anxiety or depression, sliding scale available for those financially affected by COVID-19

being here, human - Rachelle Bensoussan has been a bereavement clinician/grief therapist for 12 years and offers 1:1 support via Zoom and hosts online grief writing workshops and online group grief literacy trainings

<u>Tynan Rhea</u> - psychotherapist offering an online COVID-19 respite clinic (paywhat-you-can, no one will be turned away for lack of funds)

Balanced Mind & Wellness - phone and secure video counselling in GTA; offering reduced rates of 25% less

<u>Kristy White</u> - counsellor trained in psychotherapy and currently providing paywhat-you-can counselling via phone/video

Anishnawbe Health Toronto (AHT) - mission is to improve the health and well being of Indigenous Peoples in spirit, mind, emotion and body through both Traditional and Western healing approaches; programs and services offered are based on Indigenous cultures and traditions through a multi-disciplinary team of dedicated healthcare professionals and service providers

<u>Toronto's Queer and Trans Therapist Listing</u> - PDF of therapists, training backgrounds and contact information

<u>Umbrella Mental Health Network</u> - network of queer and trans-identified mental health professionals who work primarily in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirited (LGBTQIA2S) community within Toronto



LOCAL TALK THERAPY (TORONTO)

Nasima Salehe - providing low-cost online therapy to help people during this crisis

Britt Caron Therapy - offering sessions exclusively via phone and video during COVID-19 and offering pay-what-you-can sessions during this time

<u>Yzobela Hyett</u> - offering individual online/phone therapy and is able to offer sliding scale to individuals who are financially impacted by COVID-19

Matt Eldridge - able to offer sliding scale options for those impacted by COVID-19

<u>Christopher McKinnon</u> - numerous COVID-specific offerings including focused counselling for anxiety and depression (\$25 per 30-minute session) and sliding scale individual psychotherapy (\$75 to \$165); also has a support group for those at risk during COVID-19

<u>WellNest</u> - very diverse and skilled team of 15 clinicians currently working extended hours to provide support during the pandemic

<u>Bereaved Families of Ontario (Toronto)</u> - local charitable organization that seeks to inspire hope and transformation in people who are grieving the death of a loved one; offering 1-1 phone or video calls, peer-led group supports and other activities for free; contact them at programsupport@bfotoronto.ca or 416-440-0290 x102

<u>Silm Centre for Mental Health</u> - diverse set of mental health professionals offering a generous sliding scale, also offering pro bono services (all therapy is currently offered online)

<u>CONNECT Counselling Services (Canadian Hearing Services)</u> - provides professional counselling services to Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals (aged 16 and over) and their families living with mental health issues, addictions, relationship problems, domestic violence or other serious challenges; free and confidential services using American Sign Language (ASL), la langue des signes québécoise (LSQ), note-taking, real-time captioning and amplification devices as required



CRISIS LINES



Crisis Text Line is free and available 24/7

- Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a (COVID-19) Crisis Counsellor

Distress Centres of Greater Toronto - emotional support service for those with chronic mental health problems; support and crisis intervention services for those currently experiencing distress or in crisis; family violence response; suicide prevention services; emergency intervention and response - GTA: 416-408-4357 (HELP)

<u>Kids Help Phone</u> - text, phone, chat and other forms of support for young people 24/7 and in English and French

- 1-800-668-6868

Assaulted Women's Helpline

- free at 1-866-863-0511 or TTY 1-866-863-7868
- #SAFE (#7233) on your Bell, Rogers, Fido or Telus Mobile

National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence

- Senior Safety Line: 1-866-299-1011 (toll-free)

<u>The Gernstein Centre</u> (non-medical mental health crisis supports) - 416-929-5200

GTA Crisis Resources

Mental health crisis line (Canada-wide) - 1-888-893-8333

If you're in immediate danger, please call 911



For more resources and activities, contact us at ask@anbu.ca