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T.H.R.I.V.E.

Six simple steps to improve your mental health



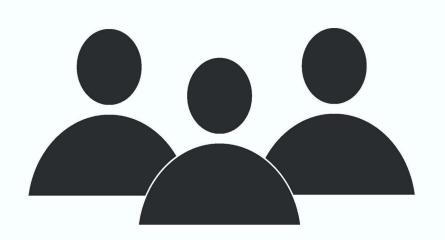
STEP 1:

TALK FACE TO FACE

Avoid defaulting to technology communication only

Technology cannot replace the value of physical proximity

A skill that will benefit you a lot



STEP 2:

HELP FROM A TRUSTED SUPPORT

Life is too hard to do alone

Your struggles are shared by others that want to help

Go to your parent, a youth leader, or a friend's parent



STEP 3:

Rest your body and brain

Take time away from stressors

Get 8-10 hours of sleep at night

Do not look at any screens and
leave time open in your evening

STEP 4:

NITIATE COPING STRATEGIES



Little efforts can bring strength

Do simple activities each day that you enjoy and value

A consistent effort over time will help you feel better



STEP 5:

VENT NEGATIVE FEELINGS

Avoid silence and isolation

Speak to a friend, pastor, & God about what is wrong

Pain and problems cause us to withdraw, so fight it by talking



STEP 6:

EXERCISE OFTEN

An increased activity level leads to a better mood

Running, walking, biking, playing with the dog, etc.

30 minutes for 3 days a week



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H - help from a trusted support

R - rest the body and brain

Initiate coping strategies

V - Vent negative feelings

E - Exercise often



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Any Questions or Clarifications?

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