# MENTAL HEALTH FACTS & RESOURCES

#### MENTAL HEALTH FACTS

#### Mental Health Problems Are Common in 2016:



- 44.7 Million
  Adults had Mental
  Illness
- 16.2 Million
  Adults had a Major
  Depressive Episode
- **3.1 Million** Youth (age 12-17) had a Major Depressive Episode



**7%-12%** of youth (age 12-17) had a serious emotional disturbance (**SED**) such as major depression, debilitating anxiety, or disruptive disorders

**SED** refers to children who have a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that results in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits the child's role or functioning in family, school, or community activities.

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Americans lived with a serious mental illness (**SMI**) such as schizophrenia, bipolar

disorder, debilitating anxiety, or major depression

SMI affects individuals 18 or older who have a diagnosable mental behavioral, or emotional disorder that resulted in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits functioning in family, employment, or community activities.

#### Many With Mental Health Illness **DO NOT** Receive Effective Treatment:

About 6 in 10 (60%) youth aged 12-17 with a major depressive episode did not receive treatment for their depression



- More than half (57%) of adults with any mental illness did not receive mental health services
- More than 1/3 (35%) of adults with serious mental illness did not receive mental health services



About **93%** of adults with both a mental illness and substance use disorder did not receive treatment



Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. (2017). Results from the 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: detailed tables. Rockville, MD: SAMHSA. • Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee. (2017). The Way Forward: Federal Action for a System That Works for All People Living With SMI and SED and Their Families and Caregivers.

#### **INDICATORS OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

- Exposure to trauma (abuse, accident, disaster or violence)
- Withdrawal from social and pleasurable activities
- Exposure to or in temporary stressful living conditions
- Poor work or school performance; unemployment or school dropout
- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Family history of SMI or SED
- Presence of a substance use disorder

#### **HOW TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

- Contact your doctor, therapist or counselor to help you cope
- Call a supportive family member or close friend
- Keep your household organized and safe
- Socialize with friends/family in positive settings
- Attend faith-based services
- Do not use of alcohol
- Exercise or engage in regular physical activity
- Practice healthy sleep and eating habit

#### **TREATMENT IS EFFECTIVE • EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENTS**

Evidence-based treatments are based on rigorous research and have demonstrated effectiveness in achieving positive treatment outcomes. Examples of evidence-based treatments for mental health illness include:

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) explores how an individual's thoughts and beliefs influence their mood and actions. CBT reduces the severity of current symptoms and reduces the risk of future episode by developing skills to challenge unwanted thoughts and tools to cope with stress or mental health symptoms.
- **Prescription Medications** are important to the treatment of mental health illnesses. Medication provides relief for many people and help manage symptoms to the point that an individual can resume life activities. Medication tends to be most effective when it is used in combination with counseling and therapy.



## IF YOU NEED **HELP**, HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO

#### **INDICATORS OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

- Call 911 if there is an emergency or immediate concern for your safety or the safety of others.
- Contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255), a 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress.
- Talk with your doctor or other health care professional. Tell them exactly how you feel and let them know how your behavior or feelings are impacting your life.
- Meet with or call a friend, family member, or spiritual advisor.
   Share your feelings and tell them what is causing any feelings of distress.
- Contact SAMHSA's National Helpline (1-800-662-HELP), a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.
- When caring for a dependent with mental health illness, contact the school or care facility (example: elderly senior center) and find out about what support services are available to support your loved one.



#### **SAMHSA's National Helpline**

1-800-662-HELP (4357) • TTY: 1-800-487-4889 http://samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

#### **Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

1-800-273-TALK [8255] • TTY: 1-800-779-4889 http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org



#### The Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator

Find alcohol, drug or mental health treatment facilities and programs.

http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov

#### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES



#### **Understanding Child Trauma**

This brochure teaches parents and caregivers about the types of traumatic stress among youth. It explains the impact of traumatic events on physical and psychological health and includes a list of resources to assist with recovery.

http://bit.ly/UnderstandingChildTrauma



### 2018 National Prevention Week Planning Guide and Resource Calendar

This planning guide and resource calendar equips communities with tools for developing National Prevention Week (NPW) events in 2018. It includes a list of health observances, event planning strategies, and SAMHSA resources. http://bit.ly/NPW2018Calendar

## MENTAL HEALTH FACT SHEETS FOR ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

This series of fact sheets provide adolescents and young adults information on living with mental health illnesses

- Understanding Depression http://bit.ly/SMA16-5004
- Understanding Anxiety Disorders http://bit.ly/SMA16-5010
- Understanding Attention-Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder http://bit.ly/SMA16-5012
- Understanding Bipolar Disorder http://bit.ly/SMA16-5008
- Understanding a First Episode of Psychosis http://bit.ly/SMA16-5006
- Understanding Obsessive Compulsive Disorder http://bit.ly/SMA16-5002

## MENTAL HEALTH FACT SHEETS FOR CAREGIVERS

This series of fact sheets offers guidance on how to provide support and recommendations for treatment.

- Understanding Depression for Caregivers http://bit.ly/SMA16-5003
- Understanding Anxiety Disorders for Caregivers http://bit.ly/SMA16-5009
- Understanding Attention-Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder for Caregivers http://bit.ly/SMA16-5011
- Understanding Bipolar Disorder for Caregivers http://bit.ly/SMA16-5007
- Understanding a First Episode of Psychosis for Caregivers http://bit.ly/SMA16-5005
- Understanding Obsessive Compulsive Disorder for Caregivers http://bit.ly/SMA16-5001

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