CYMH Symposium-Introduction to Mental Health Literacy

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What is mental health literacy?



mental health

mental health issue



mental illness

mental wellness

mental health illness

mental disorder

mental wholeness

Semantic confusion

mental health condition

mental and social well-being

mental wellness illness

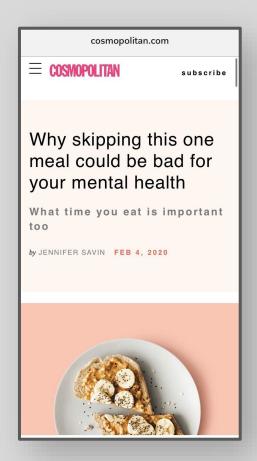
mental health problem

mental well-being

mental happiness and well-being

The Confusion





cosmopolitan.com

We already know that there are links between what you eat and mental health (for example, avocados are good for anxiety and some research shows a vegan diet could help to relieve stress). Now, a new study has found that skipping or delaying meals, specifically breakfast, could put you more at risk of depression. It also found that when you eat can have an impact too.





Lavender Can Be Used for Relaxation, Alleviating Anxiety, and Depression

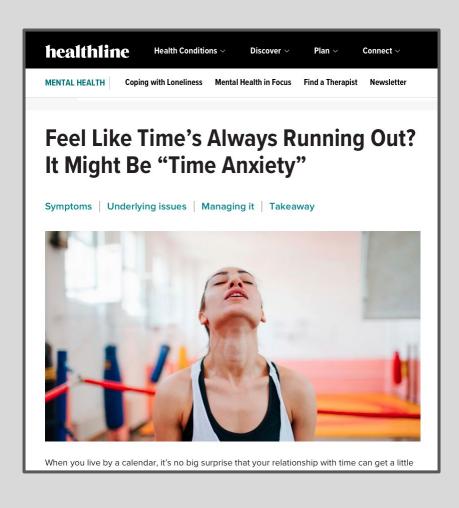
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You may have wondered how lavender is used for social anxiety. But first, just what is lavender? Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia), also known as English or...



The Confusion





Symptoms Of Time Anxiety:

You worry about lateness
You feel a need to rush
You feel uneasy when you
don't get around to
everything
You feel you have missed out
on certain opportunities

100 of the Top TikTok Videos on ADHD

- 52% were classified as misleading
- 27% -personal experience
- 21% as useful

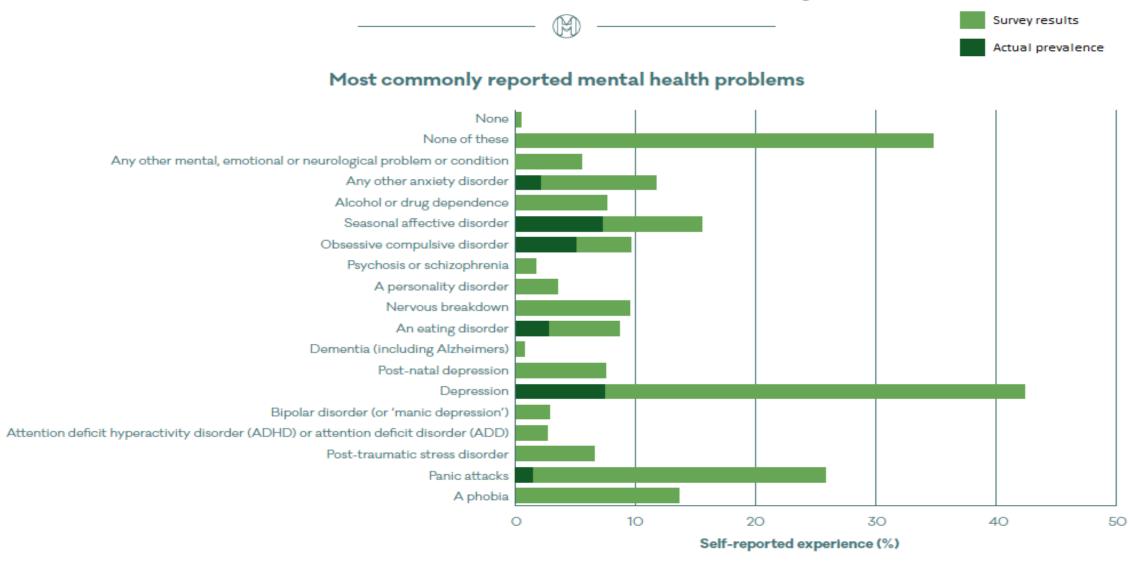
Videos on the platform were highly understandable by viewers but had low

actionability. Non-healthcare providers uploaded the majority of misleading videos. Healthcare providers uploaded higher quality and more useful videos, compared to non-healthcare providers.





The Mental Health Foundation's state of the nation's mental health study

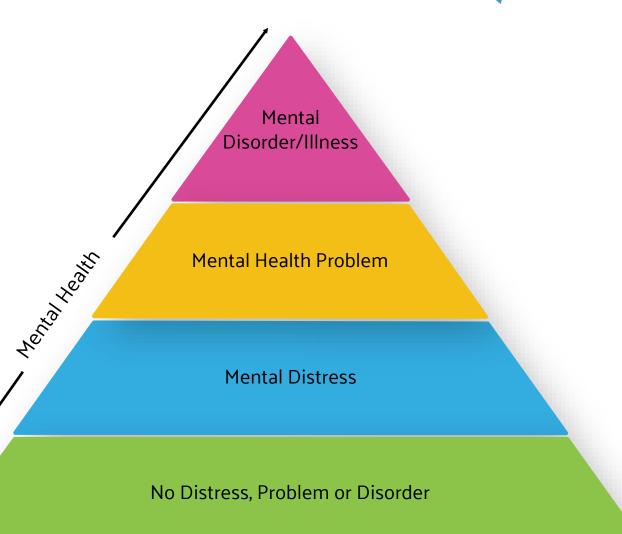


Full survey results available hereitps://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/surviving-or-thriving-state-uk-mental-health.pdf



Mental States









Treatment/Care

Promotion

Prevention

Mental Health Literacy

Understand Disorders

Obtain/Maintain Positive MH

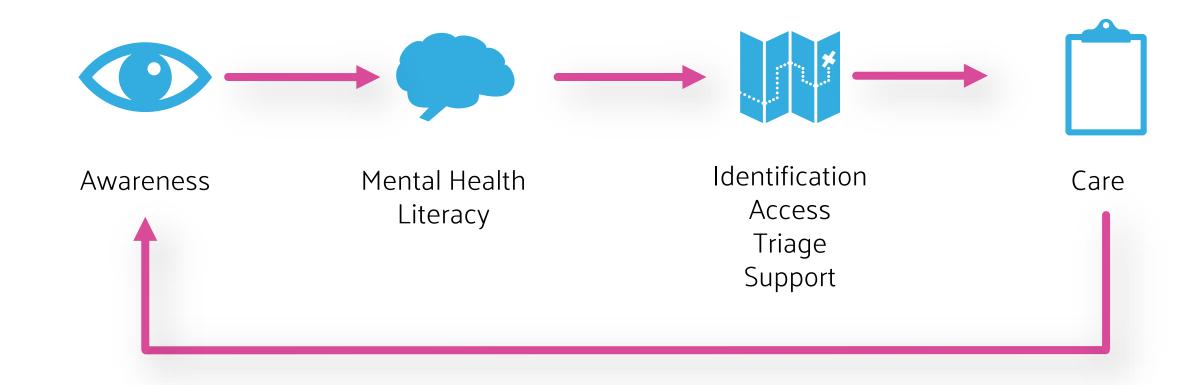
Reduce Stigma

Know How to Get Help



Pathway Through Care Model

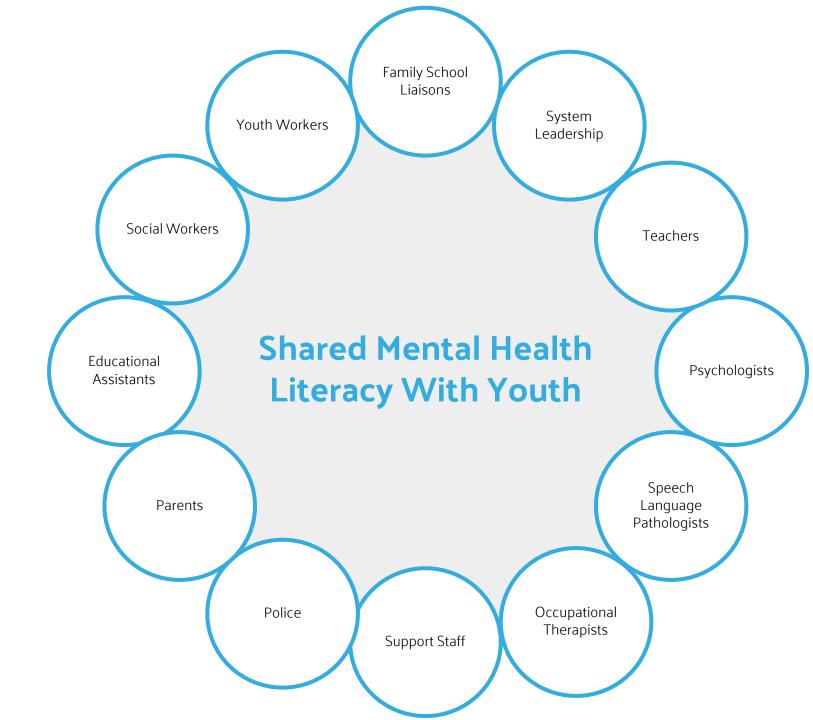






Developing Shared Literacy





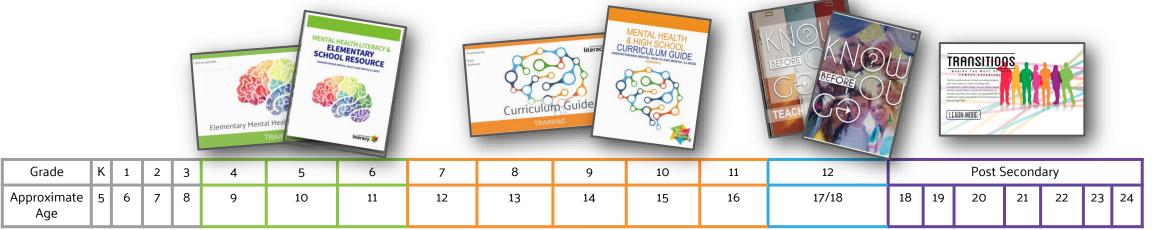
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How do we build, implement & sustain MHL approaches?



MHL Resources









Core Trainers



Sports/Community



Primary Care Network MHL



Educational Leadership



Pre-Service Teachers



Building & Delivering MHL Resources



- We rely on the skills of educators to convey
 MHL messages adapted to their unique
 environments and the populations they serve
- Flexibility in all resource
- It is an approach and not a program
- Test for impacts and results



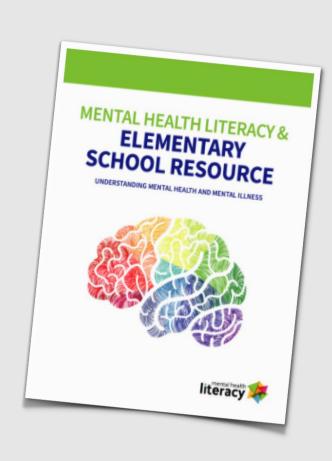
	Effective Implementation	Ineffective Implementation
Effective Intervention	Youth Benefits	Poor Outcomes
Ineffective Intervention	highly variable often ineffective/potentially harmful	highly variable often ineffective/potentially harmful

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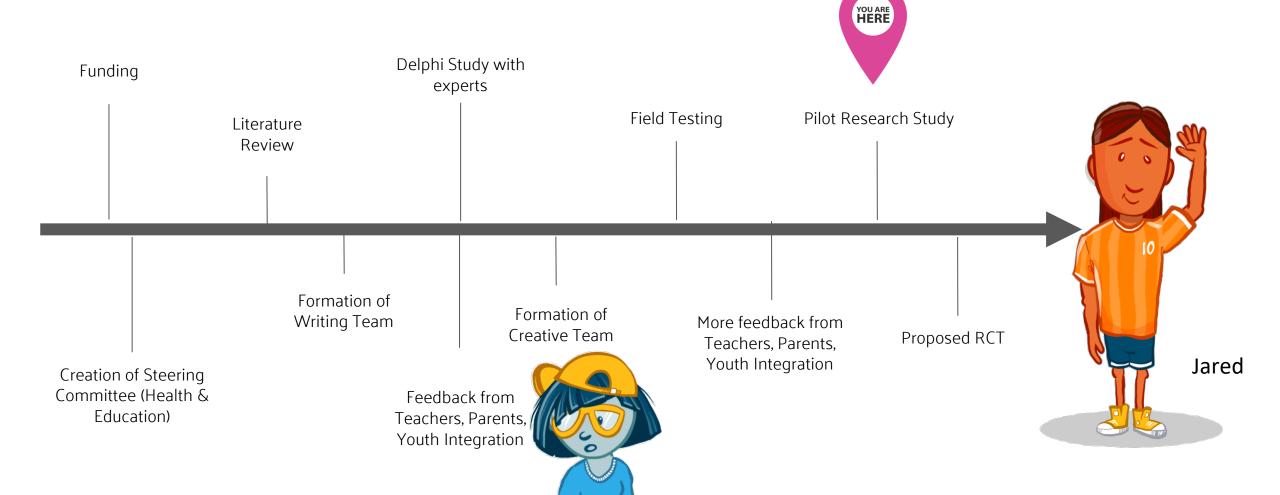
Mental Health Literacy - Creating Knowledge





Elementary Mental Health Literacy Resource Development





EMHLR Alberta Pilot Study





- Over 13 School Districts participating a mix of rural, urban, public, catholic
- Over 3,800 students received the intervention
- Students evaluated for Knowledge, Attitudes,
 Well being, Stress, Help Seeking Intentions
- Currently in the data analysis phase
- Focus groups were conducted for youth feedback
- Educator feedback sought through survey









Mental Health Literacy Launches



Argentina, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, China, England, Finland, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Malawi, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Vietnam, Wales

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