SELF CARE TIPS



PHYSICAL

*Eat balanced, nutritious meals and stay hydrated

*Savor your morning ritual

*Take a long bath or shower

*Engage in regular physical activity

*Avoid self-medication

*Go outside, take a walk, focus on nature- tap into your 5 senses

*Schedule time for yourself

*Pursue a hobby

*Practice deep breathing; try a guided meditation

*Get enough sleep

(cut off screen time 30-60 minutes before bed, establish a bedtime routine, set phone to night mode, put phone in another room)

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SOCIAL

*Make time to connect with friends and family

*Make an effort to connect verbally on screen or in person

*Take breaks from news and social media

*Avoid "doomscrolling"

*Practice random acts of kindness

*Engage your support system

EMOTIONAL

*Tune in- ask yourself "What do I need right now?"

*Practice self-compassion, treat yourself gently

(ex: be mindful of your self-talk, question limiting beliefs)

*Observe, honor and label your feelings and express them in a healthy way

*Do a "brain dump": write down your thoughts, journal, engage in creativity

*Focus on "wins," small or large, write them down

*Identify sources of stress, what you can and cannot control, problem solve where you can, manage and limit worry time

*Practice gratitude, identify things you are grateful for

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