

Recommended Book List 2023

Breakout #1 Helping youth with their mental health

Don't tell me to relax: one teen's journey to survive anxiety (and how you can too), Sophie Riegel, 2019
Go to help: 31 strategies to offer, ask for, and accept help, Sophie Riegel and Deborah Grayson Riegel, 2022
Overcoming overthinking: 36 ways to tame anxiety for work, school, and life, Sophie Riegel and Deborah Grayson Riegel, 2019
Parenting children with mental health challenges: a guide to life with emotionally complex kids, Deborah Vlock, 2018
Start here: A parent's guide to helping children and teens through mental health challenges, Pier Bryden, MD, Peter Szatmari, MD, 2020

Breakout #2 Navigating complex healthcare systems

Journey through the mental illness maze: how families find hope and acceptance, Marjorie A. Schaffer, PhD, RN, 2021 You are not alone: the NAMI guide to navigating mental health with advice from experts and wisdom from real people and families, Ken Duckworth, MD, 2022

Breakout #3 Ask the Psychologist

Atlas of the heart: mapping meaningful connection and the language of human experience, Brene Brown, PhD, LCSW, 2021 The body keeps the score: brain, mind, and body in the healing of trauma, Bessel A. van der Kolk, MD, 2014 The chemistry of calm: a powerful, drug-free plan to quiet your fears and overcome your anxiety, Henry Emmons, MD, 2010 The chemistry of joy: overcoming depression through western science & eastern wisdom, Henry Emmons, MD, 2006 Clearing the fog: from surviving to thriving with long COVID--a practical guide, James C. Jackson, PsyD, 2023 Maybe you should talk to someone: a therapist, her therapist, and our lives revealed, Lori Gottlieb, 2019

Breakout #4 Mental Health 101

The good house, Ann Leary, 2013. A captivating fictional story of a woman struggling with alcoholism

The language of emotions: what your feelings are trying to tell you, Karla McLaren, MEd, 2023

Losing our minds: the challenge of defining mental illness, Lucy Foulkes, PhD, 2022

May cause side effects: a memoir, Brooke Siem, 2022

The unapologetic guide to black mental health: navigate an unequal system, learn tools for emotional wellness, and get the help you deserve, Rheeda Walker, 2020

Where to start: a survival guide to anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges, from Mental Health America, 2023

Breakout #5 The spiritual care component of mental health

Ayurveda beginner's guide: essential Ayurvedic principles & practices to balance & heal naturally, Susan Weis-Bohlen, 2018



Light after loss: a spiritual guide for comfort, hope, and healing, Ashley Davis Bush, LICSW, 2022 Recovery, the 12 steps and Jewish spirituality: reclaiming hope, courage & wholeness, Rabbi Paul Steinberg, 2014 Turning the tide: neuroscience, spirituality and my path toward emotional health, Sylvia Bartley, PhD, 2017 Where Buddhism meets neuroscience: conversations with the Dalai Lama on the spiritual and scientific views of our minds, edited by Zara Houshmand, Robert B. Livingston, 2018

Breakout #6 Harm reduction and teen addiction

Light up the night: America's overdose crisis and the drug users fighting for survival, Travis Lupick, 2022

Never enough: the neuroscience and experience of addiction, Judith Grisel, 2023

Overcoming suicidal thoughts for teens: CBT activities to reduce pain, increase hope & build meaningful connections, Jeremy W. Pettit, PhD, Ryan M. Hill, PhD, 2022

Running on a mind rewired: a memoir, Nate Cannon, 2021

Things have changed: what every parent (and educator) should know about the student mental health and substance misuse crisis, David Magee, 2023

Undoing drugs: the untold story of harm reduction and the future of addiction, Maia Szalavitz, 2021

Breakout #7 Safety and resilience in K-12 settings

Building resilience in children and teens: giving kids roots and wings, Kenneth R. Ginsburg with Martha M. Jablow, 2020 Developing safer schools and communities for our children: the interdisciplinary responsibility of our time, Betsy Gunzelmann, 2015 Growing with gratitude: building resilience, happiness, and mental wellbeing in our schools and homes, Ash Manuel, 2023 I can't go to school: the school non-attender's workbook, Suzy Rowland, 2023

A practical guide for crisis response in our schools, Mark D. Lerner, Joseph S. Volpe, Brad Lindell, 2003

The resilience recipe: a parent's guide to raising fearless kids in the age of anxiety, Muniya S. Khanna, PHD, Philip C. Kendall, PHD, ABPP, 2021

Student success through micro-adversity: a teacher's guide to fostering grit & resilience by celebrating failure & encouraging perseverance, M. Jane, Ty Bricker, 2021

Trauma-proofing your kids: a parents' guide for instilling confidence, joy and resilience, Peter A. Levine, Maggie Kline, 2008 The violence project: how to stop a mass shooting epidemic, James Densley and Jillian Peterson, 2021

APA article: https://www.apa.org/monitor/2023/03/concern-over-school-shootings

Policy/research briefs:

School shootings, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Center for Violence Prevention, 2023, https://violence.chop.edu/school-shootings

How to talk to kids about school shootings, Rachel Ehmke, Child Mind Institute, 2023, https://childmind.org/article/anxiety-school-shooting/



Breakout #8 Move a muscle, change a thought

Healing anxiety, depression and unworthiness: 78 brain-changing mindfulness & yoga practices, Mary NurrieStearns, MSW, LCSW, C-IAYT, 2018

Move the body, heal the mind: overcome anxiety, depression, and dementia and improve focus, creativity, and sleep, Jennifer J. Heisz, PhD, 2022

Mussar yoga: blending an ancient Jewish spiritual practice with yoga to transform body and soul, Edith R. Brotman, PhD, RYT-500, 2014

Yoga for times of change: practices and meditations for moving through stress, anxiety, grief, and life's transitions, Nina Zolotow, 2022

Yoga therapy for stress & anxiety: create a personalized holistic plan to balance your life, Robert Butera, PhD, Erin Byron, MA, Staffan Elgelid, PhD, PT, 2015

Breakout #9 For the love of sleep

Buenas noches: aprendé a evitar los problemas de sueño y a descansar bien, Dr. Pablo Ferrero, 2022

Fast asleep: improve brain function, lose weight, boost your mood, reduce stress, and become a better sleeper, Dr. Michael Mosley, 2020

Sleep smarter: 21 essential strategies to sleep your way to a better body, better health, & bigger success, Shawn Stevenson, 2016

The sleep solution: why your sleep is broken and how to fix it, W. Chris Winter, MD, 2017

Why we sleep: unlocking the power of sleep and dreams, Matthew Walker, PhD, 2017

Breakout #10 Creating inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ youth

Celebrating difference: a whole-school approach to LGBT+ inclusion, 2019

Dying to hang with the boys: a memoir, Nate Cannon, 2019

The educator's guide to LGBT+ inclusion: a practical resource for K-12 teachers, administrators, and school support staff, Kryss Shane, 2020

Breakout #11 Mental health and aging: the impact of social isolation

Being present: a nurse's resource for end-of-life care, Marjorie Schaffer, PhD, RN, Linda Norlander, 2009

Depression and anxiety in later life: what everyone needs to know, Mark D. Miller, Charles F. Reynolds III, 2012

Depression in later life: an essential guide, Deborah Serani, 2016

From generation to generation: healing intergenerational trauma through storytelling, Emily Wanderer Cohen, 2018

The lonely Century: how to restore human connection in a world that's pulling apart, Noreena Hertz, 2021

The practice of belonging: six lessons from vibrant communities to combat loneliness, foster diversity, and cultivate caring relationships, Lisa Kentgen, 2023

Remember: the science of memory and the art of forgetting, Lisa Genova, 2021



Still Alice, Lisa Genova, 2009

To the last dance: a partner's story of living and loving through dementia, Myrna Marofsky, 2022 Together: the healing power of human connection in a sometimes lonely world, Vivek H. Murthy, MD, 2020

Breakout #12 Teen girls and mental health

The State of black girls: the go-to guide for creating safe spaces for black girls, Marline Francois-Madden, 2019 Swimming upstream: parenting girls for resilience in a toxic culture, Laura Hensley Choate, 2016

Breakout #13 Guardianship and conservatorship

Protecting your assets from probate and long-term care: don't let the system bankrupt you and your loved ones, Farr, Evan H, 2017 Your consent is not required: the rise in psychiatric detentions, forced treatment, and abusive guardianships, Rob Wipond, 2023

Breakout #14 Crisis intervention

Loving someone with suicidal thoughts: what family, friends, and partners can say and do, Stacey Freedenthal, PhD, LCSW, 2023 Mental health emergencies: a first-responder's guide to recognizing and handling mental health crises, Nick Benas, Michele Hart, LCSW, 2017

The modern trauma toolkit: nurture your post-traumatic growth with personalized solutions, Christy Gibson, MD, 2023 Population-based public health clinical manual: the Henry Street model for nurses, Marjorie Schaffer, PhD, RN, et al, 2018 Prevenir el suicidio: una guía para ayudarte a ayudar, Paula G.a Valverde Fonseca, 2022

Saving our own lives: a liberatory practice of harm reduction, Shira Hassan, 2022

Saving ourselves from suicide -- before and after: how to ask for help, recognize warning signs, and navigate grief, Linda Pacha, 2019 Suicide: prevention, intervention, and postvention, Dr. Melisa Marsh, 2020

The suicide prevention pocket guidebook: how to support someone who is having suicidal feelings, Joy Hibbins, 2021

Breakout #15 Grief

African American grief, Paul C. Rosenblatt, Beverly R. Wallace, 2022

Ambiguous loss: Learning to live with unresolved grief, Pauline Boss, 1999.

Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief, David Kessler, 2019

From grief to healing: a holistic guide to rebuilding mind, body & spirit after loss, Amanda Mackenzie, 2022

The grief handbook: a guide through the worst days of your life, Bridget McNulty, 2021

Healing after loss: daily meditations for working through grief, Martha W. Hickman, 2002

The long grief journey: how long-term unresolved grief can affect your mental health and what to do about it, Pamela D. Blair, Bradie McCabe Hansen, MA, 2023

Más allá del dolor de la pérdida: mindfulness y compasión para un duelo consciente, Lorena Alonso Llácer, 2022



The modern loss handbook: an interactive guide to moving through grief and building your resilience, Rebecca Soffer, 2022 The myth of closure, Pauline Boss, 2022.

On grief and grieving: finding the meaning of grief through the five stages of loss, Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, David Kessler, 2014 Permission to mourn: a new way to do grief, Tom Zuba, 2014

Sushi Tuesdays: a memoir of love, loss, and family resilience, Charlotte Maya, 2023

Tear soup: a recipe for healing after loss, Pat Schwiebert, Chuck DeKlyen, 1999, 2015

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