Caring for Yourself and Your Team



This month we offer these tips for self-care, supporting others and fostering a culture that makes mental health and wellness priorities for your team.

Tips to Support Your Own Mental Health

- [/] Care for your mental health the same as you would your physical health.
- [/] If you are struggling, don't be ashamed to ask for support.
- [/] Be compassionate and kind to yourself.
- [/] Practice mindfulness and gratitude to reduces stress, anxiety and depression.
- [/] Do things that bring you joy.
- [/] Eat healthy, exercise and get plenty of sleep.

How to Support Each Other



Notice: Take time to notice your co-workers to get a sense if they're doing okay.



Engage: If you sense something's wrong with a co-worker, ask them how they are doing and let them know you care.



Support: If they're open to talking, offer support. If you feel they need additional help, encourage them to contact the Employee Assistance Program.

5 Ways to Build a Team Culture that Supports Mental Health

- **1.** Start your huddles or team meetings with a short meditation or a group check-in.
- **2.** Everyone is going through something. Treat others with kindness and compassion.
- **3.** Lend an ear if someone needs to talk about struggles they're having.
- **4.** Show gratitude and appreciation by recognizing each other.
- 5. Acknowledge life events and milestones with your team.



TEAM ACTIVITY: Creating a culture of mental health happens when everyone on your team commits to supporting themselves and each other. This month, set a goal in your unit-based team to take the KP Mental Health Training for Employees, and then plan to discuss it at a team meeting. What steps can you take to incorporate mental health and wellness into your workday?

