

RESOURCES BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF CBT:

From your thoughts come your feelings which lead to your actions and habits

ALL THESE APPS HAVE IN COMMON

- NOTICING THOUGHTS
 - Thought diary and monitoring for thinking traps
- COGNITIVE STRATEGIES (great overview https://www.anxietycanada.com/articles/thinking-right-tools/)
 - Challenge thoughts
 - Think Ninja: practical tools
 - Mindshift: thought journal and belief experiments
 - Think Good, Feel Good: Chapter 9 and chapter 11
 - Confidence building positive self-talk:
 - Mindshift: healthy thinking coping cards
 - Mindshift: chill zone and visualisation exercises
 - Clear Fear: grit box
 - Think Good, Feel Good: Chapter 11
 - o Letting thoughts go like leaves on a stream and distraction
 - Mindshift: chill zone
 - Clear fear: managing your worries worry warriors
 - Think Good, Feel Good: Chapter 5
 - Learning to live with uncertainty

BEHAVIOURAL STRATEGIES

- Doing things differently
 - Think Good, Feel Good: Chapter 14
- o Healthy behaviours
- QUICK RELIEF OPTIONS: https://www.anxietycanada.com/general/how-to-chill/

GENERAL

WHAT'S UP: older teenager and young adult

- Teaches simple strategies to help cope with a wide range of mental health issues
- Help right now
 - o STOP!
 - Get grounded
 - Breathing control
 - o Catastrophe Scale
 - o Forums
 - Uplifting Quotes
 - Here and Now
 - Stay In Today
 - Affirmations
 - Helpful websites

• Coping Strategies

- Thinking Patterns
- Metaphors
- Manage Worries: tool box of different tools

Cognitive strategies: 10 simple ways to manage worries

- Repeat your worry until your bored silly
- Make it worse
- Don't fight the craziness: be curious and describe it

- Recognise the false alarms: fire engine going to another place
- Turn your anxiety in to a movie
- Set aside worry time
- Take your hand off the horn
- Breathe it out: attention training
- Make peace with time: how will I feel in a month or year about this
- Don't let worries stop you living your life
- Positive Steps

Healthy behaviours or behavioural strategies (like 5 steps to wellbeing)

- Be kind to yourself
- Exercise regularly
- Take up a hobby or learn a new skill
- Have some fun and or be creative
- Help others
- Relax
- Eat healthily
- Balance sleep: get up and go to bed at same time each day
- Connect with others
- Beware of drink and drugs
- See the bigger picture
- Accepting 'it is how it is'
- Information
 - o Anger
 - Anxiety
 - o Depression
 - Self Esteem
 - Stress
 - Each subject is divided in to information about:
 - Thoughts
 - Physical Sensations
 - Behaviour
 - Identifying triggers
 - Doing things differently: *behavioural strategies*
 - Thinking differently: cognitive strategies
 - Dealing with feelings
) practical help right now

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- Dealing with physical sensations
- Personal record

ANXIETY

ANXIETY CANADA YOUTH WEBSITE

- o <u>https://www.anxietycanada.com/learn-about-anxiety/anxiety-in-youth/</u>
- Fabulous overview with practical exercises: (linked to Mindshift app below)
 Thinking right tools: <u>https://www.anxietycanada.com/articles/thinking-right-tools/</u>

CLEAR FEAR: Younger teenager

- Information
 - Anxiety types
 - o Resources
 - Tool box: inspirational quotes
 - Safety net
 - Immediate Help
 - Information
 - Self-monitoring

• Tackling your fears or 'clear your fears'

Dealing with emotions

- Express yourself
 - Stay calm
 - Breathing exercise
 - Mindfulness exercise
 - Laugh and smile
- Managing worries (*cognitive strategies*: can help to keep a thought diary to identify patterns)
 - Counter negative thoughts: worry warriors: *shrink them*
 - Worry box
 - Worry ladder
- Reacting to worries (*behavioural strategies*)
 - Stop overdoing things
 - Stop avoiding things
- Managing physical responses to anxiety: set goals for each
 - Exercise goal: aim for 30mins of activity daily
 - Balanced diet: avoid too much sugar and caffeine
 - Make time to relax
 - Sleep well

SAM app: more practical help

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- Practical self-help steps
- Includes
 - Help for anxiety NOW
 - Exercises to do
 - o Self-help with SAM
 - Information about anxiety
 - Thinking and anxiety
 - Relaxation physical
 - Relaxation mental
 - Health and anxiety
 - Take small steps

WORRYTREE APP

• Practical tool to capture and manage worries

RESOURCES OF PRACTICAL HELP FOR SPECIFIC SCENARIOS

SELF-HARM

DistrACT: older teenager

- Information and explanation
- Strategies to help

CALM HALM: younger teenager

• Practical strategies for managing self-harm

FAMILY SUPPORT

COMBINED MINDS

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- App for families and friends of a young person who has mental ill health
 - Covers: anxiety; depression; self-harm; eating disorders; digital addiction
- Uses 'Strengths-Based' approach