University Of Michigan
Student Guide To Mental
Health Hospitalization

The University of Michigan Supports You!
Dear University of Michigan Student:

This guide was developed to provide an overview of what you can expect when you are hospitalized for psychiatric and psychological issues and to address questions and concerns that you and your family, loved ones, or friends may have. It was written with student input, including the Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) Student Advisory Board. We hope that you find the information helpful and supportive during this challenging time.

We are here to help you. Our offices of CAPS and the Dean of Students office (DOS) work together to provide many different types of support you may need when you leave the hospital. CAPS provides support for the coordination of clinical treatment needs, and DOS provides support to address additional concerns you may be experiencing as a result of your hospitalization such as academic, financial, housing, roommate, and/or employment concerns. We work together to ensure your needs can be comprehensively addressed at this difficult time.

The other goal of this handbook is to provide you with guidance and tools to help you better understand and manage your illness and symptoms, strengthen your resilience, and improve your mental health going forward. A hospitalization is never planned and can be disruptive to your life as a student – however, with the support of your treatment team, your family/loved ones/friends, and the University of Michigan, it can simply be a short detour on your ultimate path to success as a UM student.

We hope you will reach out and utilize the resources in this guide to support you as you continue to manage your health, well-being and academic pursuits.

Take care,

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This booklet is a guide to help you through the process of a hospitalization for mental health reasons. The journey can be just a few days of "calendar time," yet for most students represents a very emotional time not measured by a calendar or a clock. As the quote alludes to, you also are now embarking on a journey that will ultimately make you stronger. But, the journey can be filled with "ups and downs." The tools and guidance in this booklet come from students just like you to help you with those ups and downs -- students who have been in the hospital, and/or have had friends in the hospital. These students worked with professionals on campus to create this guide which we hope provides useful information, and also reminds you that you have a whole campus of support behind you, and with you. It is our hope that this guide helps you stay safe, and contributes to your resilience as you leave the hospital. You are not alone. We are with you, always.

When the Japanese mend broken objects, they aggrandize the damage by filling the cracks with gold. They believe that when something's suffered damage and has a history, it becomes more beautiful.

Barbara Bloom

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https://deanofstudents.umich.edu

The Dean of Students Office can assist you while you are in the hospital. A staff member is available, at your request, to visit you in the hospital, to discuss your current situation, and to help navigate your return to campus life. They will also be able to contact your housing team, college/school/academic adviser, and others, if needed. All contacts are made with sensitivity to your right to privacy.

CLINICAL CARE MANAGEMENT TEAM
734-764-8312
734-764-8320

The Clinical Care Management Team (CCMT) is composed of Care Managers from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), University Health Service (UHS), and Social Work Staff from Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES). The CCMT addresses the clinical needs of students who are seen at multiple units among PES/UHS/CAPS/UMHS. The CCMT ensures that UM students receive needed care, streamlines and improves communication between units, and follows up with students to ensure that connections and the disposition for ongoing treatment are in place.
Student admitted to area hospital

Hospital staff talk with student about UM resources and if the student would like to obtain permission to contact the Dean of Students Office (DOS). DOS is contacted and connects with student. DOS coordinates with various departments and provides support for:
• academics
• housing
• financial needs
• insurance issues
• employment concerns
• family involvement
• visa/international concerns
• referral to CCMT (see below)
• social support

Hospital staff make discharge plan
• DOS sees student for follow up if needed
• Plan is faxed to CCMT by hospital staff 734-763-0454
• DOS refers to CCMT if clinical follow up arises

CCMT assists every student to enact clinical discharge plan post-hospitalization

As needed, CCMT:
• Schedules appointment with student
• Coordinates connections to treatment providers
• Provides clinical support while connections are made
• Follow up as needed to ensure student makes the connection
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During Your Stay

Early Questions

*Please note that the following topics may be helpful for students to think about now or in the future; it is best to check with your treatment team to see when addressing these questions might be helpful or not.*

You have just been admitted to an inpatient adult psychiatry unit and probably have numerous questions. While every patient has his/her own circumstances, as a student at the University of Michigan, it is normal to have some specific questions and concerns about your hospital stay, such as the ones outlined below. Hopefully, this Guide will help you answer these questions.

When will I feel like myself again?

*See page: 12* for recommendations on how to maintain a balanced healthy lifestyle during and after your hospital stay

What about my classes?

*See page: 17, 18* for campus resources to help accommodate your academic needs during your hospital stay  
*See page: 19* for a checklist of items to discuss with your professors/GSIs when transitioning back into school

Should I call my friends and family? What should I tell them?

*See pages: 7, 8* for a chart to track which friends, family, or other people you want to contact during your hospital stay, and significant points that you want to discuss with them

What am I going to do while I am here?

*See page: 12* for examples of coping skills that can help you feel better during stressful situations  
*See page: 20* for a journaling page to help you express your feelings during this time  
*See pages: 24, 25* for coloring templates to engage with during your hospital stay

*Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.*  
*African Proverb*
During Your Stay

Roles and Functions of the Hospital Staff

**Nurses:** The nurses do much more than give you your medications. They coordinate all of your care, communicate with the physicians and other team members about you, provide counseling and support, and are the people you should turn to whenever you have questions and do not know who can be helpful. A specific nurse will always be assigned to your care.

**Social Workers:** The social work staff members work with you to ensure appropriate communication with your family, your outside caregivers, and University staff and officials. Your social worker will lead your family meetings, and will be the primary person working with you on plans for discharge and follow-up care.

**Attending Psychiatrist:** You will have a faculty psychiatrist who is in charge of your care. He/she will see you briefly each day and will be kept informed of how you are doing by other staff, as well as be in charge of ordering your medications and other tests.

**Patient Care Workers:** These staff members assist the nurses in monitoring patients, taking vital signs, supervising meals and other activities, and maintaining everyone's safety on the floor.

**Activity Therapists:** In addition to running some of the group activities on the floor, the activity therapists are active members of your treatment team. They will assess you soon after admission and plan activities for you based on your individual needs.

*In addition to the people listed above, you may be seen by consulting physicians about any medical problems you have.*

There is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.

*Leonard Cohen*
During Your Stay

Concerns you may have

You may be wondering what exactly is going to happen while you are here in the hospital:

First, a member of the nursing staff will provide a general orientation. Feel free to ask this person any questions/concerns you might have. When you are admitted, you will be assigned an individual treatment team consisting of professionals who will take care of you during your stay. If you would like a written list of their names, you can ask your nurse.

During the day, you will meet with the members of your treatment team, including your doctors and social worker. You will also attend different groups organized by the activity therapy staff throughout the day. These can include anything from exercising in the gym to learning about various leisure activities that can help you when you are not feeling well. You will learn skills in these groups that you can use when you leave the hospital. To figure out which groups you are supposed to attend, check the whiteboard across from the nursing station or ask your nurse.

You will be checking in with your nurse throughout the day. If you have any questions, asking your nurse is a good place to start. He or she will also be the one who gives you your medication. Nurses change throughout the day, but they will always introduce themselves at the beginning of their shifts. You will also have the opportunity to meet other patients. Often, it is very helpful to talk to other people and realize that you are not the only one dealing with these types of concerns.

At the end of your stay, during the discharge process, a social worker will help you with what you are going to do once you leave the hospital (a discharge plan). This could include finding an outpatient psychiatrist or therapist, support groups, community resources, and more.

You have taken a very important step towards your recovery. You may be feeling overwhelmed; this is completely normal. Getting organized means having some important information all in one place. *First, some very important things to remember:*

- Your treatment is considered **private and confidential.** Staff will not give out any information about you.
- You are an important member of your treatment team. Ask questions any time you need to. The staff will encourage you to be an active participant in your treatment and discharge planning.
- If you are feeling unsafe for any reason, please notify your nurse.
During Your Stay

A Quick Note About School

The most important thing for you right now is to get well and focus on your mental health. We cannot stress that enough! At the same time, for some students, it's actually helpful to work on academics or to think about your classes, so as you are able, and if it seems OK with your treatment team, go ahead and work on some of your assignments. You may need to have someone bring some work or materials to you.

You may request the Dean of Students Office (734-764-7420) be contacted so that notification can be sent to your college/school stating that you are unable to attend classes due to a hospitalization. A diagnosis and location will not be included in this notification. You will receive a copy of this notification in your U of M email.

For additional information on managing academic responsibilities, see pages: 17, 18, 19

Crisis brings opportunity and change.
Chinese Proverb
During Your Stay

Notifying People

Room Number: ___________________  Phone Number: ___________________

If you feel comfortable doing so, call the friends and family members who you want to inform about your hospitalization. You might not be sure if you want to tell your friends and family that you are in the hospital. That is okay. You do not have to tell anyone if you do not want to. You might want to take some time for yourself before calling anyone, which is perfectly okay.

If you feel that it will be helpful and supportive to you then you may also contact your academic adviser or another supportive staff member within your school/college. However, this should not be done to obtain ongoing assignments unless this is specifically discussed with your treatment team and is part of your hospital plan for recovery. You will have an opportunity for academic success once you are well enough to be discharged.

If you live in a residence hall, you might want to let your Hall Director know that you are safe. It is also important that you check in at your Community Center to let them know you have arrived safely back into your housing area when you are discharged. DOS can assist with notification to Housing staff as well. If you live off-campus, you may also want to let your housemate(s)/roommate(s) know so that s/he knows where you are and when s/he can expect you to come home.

If you have a job or other leadership responsibilities, you may also consider having someone notify your employer or supervisor that you will be missing work or unable to attend meetings for a while.

Even if you do not want certain people to know you are in the hospital, you might want somebody else to let them know that you are safe.

I want these people to know that I am safe:

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During Your Stay

Family and Friends Contact Sheet

BEFORE THE CONVERSATION

I want to contact___________________________

I want to talk to him/her about...

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I am concerned about talking to this person about:

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This is what I’m going to say:

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During Your Stay

AFTER THE CONVERSATION

We talked about:

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Currently I feel:

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My next steps/plan related to my conversation is:

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During Your Stay

Journal Section

While in the hospital, journaling may be a useful tool for some students. This section is your opportunity to explore your feelings and thoughts. As always, it is best to check with your treatment team to see if journaling will be helpful for you.

Journal Page

Date:

My goal for the day:

Activities I did today were:

My visitors were:

I talked to my doctor(s) about:

I still have these questions and concerns:
During Your Stay

Journal Section

Journal Page

Date:

My goal for the day:

Activities I did today were:

My visitors were:

I talked to my doctor(s) about:

I still have these questions and concerns:
Discharge

How Can I Cope and Stay Well After Hospitalization?

There are a lot of things you can do to stay healthy. This hospitalization will teach you many different kinds of skills to manage your illness once you leave the hospital and return to your life as a student. The hospital staff has numerous suggestions about coping skills you can try. They will help you think of activities you can do even with your busy schedule. Although it may be challenging to manage these responsibilities along with your health, there is a way to find balance.

Staying Well as a Student:

- **Learn** as much about your "mental health life" as you can. Work with your provider to figure out the warning signs that might mean a new episode is coming.

- Try to maintain **regular sleep** as much as possible. It might be very hard during high-stress times like finals, but is still vital. Discuss any sleep problems with your provider.

- **Always take your medications as prescribed.** Know why you are taking them and what side effects you might experience. Discuss any side effects with your doctor before making any changes to your medication.

- Have **regular appointments with a mental health provider** that you are comfortable with. Don't be afraid to change therapists if you need to. Always keep your doctor in the loop about what is going on in your life.

- **Engage in pleasurable and light-hearted activities** outside of your academic responsibilities. For example, see information on "Play" as well as other forms of balance on the CAPS Website: [caps.umich.edu/play](caps.umich.edu/play)

- **Take the time to do the things you enjoy in life** that are outside of your classes.

- If you are unable to afford your medical care or medications you may contact the UHS Managed Care Office [uhs.umich.edu/mgdcare](uhs.umich.edu/mgdcare) 734-764-5182

- If you receive funding through the Office of Financial Aid you may contact that office to request information about emergency financial aid for medical/mental health care. [finaid.umich.edu](finaid.umich.edu) 734-763-6600

- The Dean of Students Office may also be able to help you navigate the suggestions above or locate emergency funding assistance, assist you in communicating with the office of Financial Aid, or strategize other ways to address financial concerns [https://deanofstudents.umich.edu/](https://deanofstudents.umich.edu/) 734-764-7420
Discharge

Which Coping Skills Work Best for Me?

During your hospitalization, you will start thinking about what YOU can do to help yourself when you are not feeling well.

What makes you feel better when you are experiencing distress?

Films and television shows
- Watch favorite films or TV shows

Music
- Listen to music
- Play or make your own music

Books/Magazines
- Check out books/magazines from the library or online
- Read books/magazines

Favorite places on campus or in Ann Arbor
- Explore new or old places to visit in Ann Arbor
- Share these places with a friend

Sports, hobbies, socializing
- Write in a journal
- Color or draw see pages: 24, 25
- Play card/board/video games
- Engage in physical activity

Creating a Hope Box

Your hope box can contain anything that might help you put aside painful thoughts or negative emotions and instead remind you of things in life that you enjoy. Decorating the box can be fun, as well. Here are some ideas for things to include:

- Photos or letters from people you care about
- Poems, books, or other passages that you enjoy
- Movies or music you like
- Note cards with uplifting words or thoughts, things that have kept you going in the past, or memories of happy times
- Special trinkets or mementos
- Your safety plan

Your box can contain actual objects or be a collection of links or digital files on your computer, cell phone, e-reader, or other device.

You can also download a FREE “Virtual Hope Box” app for your Android or Apple phone or tablet.
Discharge

Discharge Plans

It is very important that you work closely with your treatment team on all plans for what to do following discharge. The following notes might be helpful:

I was admitted to the hospital on:

________________________________________________________________________

I will be/was discharged from the hospital on:

________________________________________________________________________

If you do not currently have an outpatient psychiatrist and/or therapist, your social worker will assist you with this. You will leave the hospital with a detailed plan of what you need to do, which often includes various appointments with treatment providers.

**MY PSYCHIATRIST:**

________________________________________________________________________

I have an appointment scheduled with him/her on:

________________________________________________________________________

The location of this appointment is:

________________________________________________________________________

The phone number of the office is:

________________________________________________________________________

**MY THERAPIST:**

________________________________________________________________________

I have an appointment scheduled with him/her on:

________________________________________________________________________

The location of this appointment is:

________________________________________________________________________

The phone number of the office is:

________________________________________________________________________

***Professors and GSIs may require a medical note to excuse your absence. Ask your hospital social worker to help you get a note from the medical staff. The letter is very general and will not give any details about your hospitalization. The Dean of Students office can also help you navigate the conversation with your Professor or GSI.***
Discharge

My First Appointment with Outpatient Providers

When I have my first appointment with my outpatient psychiatrist or therapist, I want to discuss these issues.

Thoughts about diagnosis:

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Thoughts about medications:

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Other questions for my outpatient provider(s):

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Discharge

Discharge Checklist

If you are about to be discharged from the hospital, there are a few last minute things that are helpful to do.

Make sure you have your appointment schedule.
You understand where they are and how to get there, and you have a phone number (in case you need further directions or need to change times).

Be certain to get a medical note from your hospital doctor for academic purposes.

Obtain any information on community resources.
Resources are also listed towards the end of this guide (see page 23.)

Be aware of what medications you are taking, why you are taking them, and the side effects you might need to look for. Ask your nurse for further questions.

If medications are being ordered from the hospital pharmacy, make sure you have these medications before you leave and that you have any prescriptions you might need.
University Health Service on Central Campus also has a pharmacy available (see page 23).

Ensure that you have all of your belongings—your nurse can provide you with plastic bags, if you need them.

Ask any remaining questions you have about your mental health condition and needs.
Be certain you leave with a full understanding of what your next steps will be.
Know what you are supposed to do if you experience a return of symptoms.
Make sure you know how you are going to get home (friend, bus, taxi, etc...).
Discharge

My Personal Crisis Plan

These are feelings and symptoms I might experience for which I need help:

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__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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I will call these people:

Name:________________________________________________________
  Phone Number:__________________________________________________

Name:________________________________________________________
  Phone Number:__________________________________________________

Name:________________________________________________________
  Phone Number:__________________________________________________

I will do the following:

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My psychiatrist’s name (and phone number):

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My therapist’s name (and phone number):

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

CAPS After Hours Phone Number - available 24/7: 734-764-8312 (Press 0)
Psychiatric Emergency Services at U of M: 734-936-5900
University of Michigan Police Department (UMPD): 734-763-1131
(Note: UMPD can reach the DOS staff member on call)
Academic Considerations-Resources

Once you leave the hospital, it may seem like you have endless things to do. It is completely normal to feel overwhelmed.

The First Steps:

- The most important thing is that you take care of yourself. While you may want to jump right back into classes, homework and everything else you have to do, it is essential that you put yourself first and manage your health.

- Take some time to rest.

- Do something relaxing that you enjoy.

- Don’t push yourself to do anything. There will be time to get everything done. Be patient with yourself and what you are able to do.

- Don’t force yourself to make any big decisions about anything.

Support for Returning to Academics:

Academic accommodations may be helpful to you as you return to the rigors of your studies. If your illness continues to impact your ability to perform academically at your usual level (creating a disability either temporarily or ongoing), you may want to consider having a discussion about this with a staff member at Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) on campus. You may be eligible for academic accommodation/s. Receiving an accommodation through SSD does not appear on your transcript. Such accommodations could help you regain/maintain your good academic standing. Information related to your diagnosis is not given to your professors. You do need to have your doctor complete paperwork (available online) to see a specialist at SSD for this assistance.

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)
G-664 Haven Hall
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
734-763-3000
ssd.umich.edu

The form that your doctor will need to submit is available on the SSD website at: www.drive.google.com/file/d/0By-IfENntcBNY3RfZrV9uNmZ4Vms/view
Resources

Academic Plan

When you are ready and have time it is often helpful to make a plan.

The first thing to do is list your courses and how to get in touch with your professors and GSIs:

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<th>Course Name</th>
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Next, e-mail each professor/GSI requesting an appointment. You could also go to office hours, but since other students might be there then, you might want private/individual time. When you meet with your professor/GSI, you don’t have to give any information about your condition, if you do not want to. Tell them whatever you feel comfortable saying. Remember that you will have a note from the hospital confirming you were there, but it will not include any information about your condition or why you were there.

Professors and GSIs are usually very helpful. However, if you run into any issues or unexpected difficulties, contact:

Office of the Dean of Students
3000 Michigan Union
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
734-764-7420
https://deanofstudents.umich.edu
My Professor/GSI Meeting Checklist

When you meet with your professor/GSI following these suggested guidelines:

If requested provide your professor/GSI with a medical note explaining your recent hospitalization.

You may also request that the Dean of Students Office contact your professor/GSI on your behalf to inform them about your recent hospitalization.

Contact your professor/GSI office hours to schedule an appointment and discuss recommended strategies that can be utilized to successfully complete the course.

Explain any concerns that you have about class work with your professor/GSI.

Ask a professor/GSI about obtaining lecture or discussion notes or other materials from days that you missed.

Ask your professor/GSI about arranging deadlines for assignments that you missed during your hospitalization.

YOU DON’T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE DOING SOMETHING. YOU CAN JUST BE AND THAT’S PLENTY.

*Alice Walker*
Resources

Where Do I Go From Here?
Resources After Your Hospitalization

Clinical Resources

University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry
med.umich.edu/psych
1500 E. Medical Center Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Ambulatory (Outpatient) Psychiatry Appointments: (734) 764-0231 or 800-525-5188
Eating Disorders Program: (877) 475-6688

The U-M Psychological Clinic at the Mary A. Rackham Institute
mari.umich.edu/psych-clinic/
500 E Washington St., Suite 100
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 764-3471

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
caps.umich.edu
Michigan Union
530 S. State Street, Ste. 3100
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 764-8312
CAPS After Hours (734) 764-8312 (press 0)

University Health Service (UHS)
uhs.umich.edu
207 Fletcher St
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Appointments and Nurse Advice (during normal business hours): (734) 764-8320
Nurse advice (after hours): (866) 204-1082
Pharmacy: (734) 764-7387
UHS Care Manager: (734) 764-7713
Resources

Additional Campus Resources

Dean of Students Office
https://deanofstudents.umich.edu/
3000 Michigan Union
530 S. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 764-7420

The Dean of Students staff possesses an effective understanding of University policies, procedures, and community life and can work with individual students, student groups, parents, staff, and faculty to address conflicts, eliminate barriers impacting the pursuit of a student’s educational and personal goals, and identify and connect with campus and community resources that promote resiliency and success. Staff members work with students to identify and plan strategies to address areas of concern or unmet needs.

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)
ssd.umich.edu
G-664 Haven Hall
505 S. State St.,
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-3000

SSD offers assistance to students with medical and mental health diagnoses as well as learning differences. The services are free to U of M students who are registered with SSD. Registration is easy and information is available on the website, including forms for your physician to complete. Academic accommodations, screening for clarification of learning differences, tutoring, coaching, mentorship, and loaned equipment are just some of the services available.

Office of Financial Aid
finaid.umich.edu
2500 Student Activities Bldg.
515 E. Jefferson St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734)763-6600

The Office of Financial Aid may be able to assist students who are experiencing medical and mental health emergencies. Resources vary from year to year and students who are experiencing difficulties should contact the Office of Financial Aid and request a director appeal appointment to determine what funding may be available.
Resources

Mental Health Peer Support Groups

Wolverine Support Network
umichwsn.org/
Wolverine Support Network is a student organization dedicated to promoting the emotional well-being of students and creating a supportive campus community united against the stigmas of mental health issues. WSN establishes peer-to-peer support groups in which students can share their struggles with peers in a safe, healthy, and confidential way. Student leaders are trained to drive conversation in a constructive way, respectful of all aspects of an individual’s identity.

Mental Health Student Advocacy Groups

CAPS Student Advisory Board
caps.umich.edu/article/caps-student-advisory-board-sab
The CAPS Student Advisory Board is a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students who advise CAPS on matters of mental health outreach to all students, provides input on various agency decisions, and is involved in staff searches.

CAPS in Action
caps.umich.edu/article/caps-action-new-student-group-caps
CIA is for University of Michigan students who are dedicated to making the U of M community a more holistically healthy environment. This is an active and hands-on group, focused on creating and implementing mental health outreach efforts that empower students to enhance a culture of care and inclusion. CIA is facilitated by CAPS professionals and supports CAPS outreach initiatives.

Active Minds
amum strikingly.com/
A mental health advocacy organization that aims to promote mental wellness, de-stigmatize mental illness and connect students to mental health resources at the University of Michigan. Through our on-campus events, we hope to spark discussion and help cultivate a campus that is knowledgeable and passionate about mental health.

Awaken Ann Arbor
maizepages.umich.edu/organization/awakenannarbor
An inclusive community started in Fall 2014, dedicated to non-dogmatic spiritual growth through a unique approach of practicing meditation, discovering one’s purpose, and engaging in meaningful action. Our weekly meetings consists of guided meditation sessions led by certified teachers who are also university students, discussions on topics related to spiritual growth or finding purpose, and activities from people who come from various spiritual backgrounds.
Resources

**National Alliance on Mental Health Illness (NAMI) on campus**
maizepages.umich.edu/organization/namioncampus

NAMI on Campus acts as an extension of the largest grass-roots mental health organization in America, the National Alliance of Mental Illness. NAMI on Campus is a student-run mental health policy organization that aims to tackle mental health issues on campus by raising awareness and educating the community with a special focus on advocating for progressive mental health law and policy change.

**Students for Mental Health**
maizepages.umich.edu/organization/amh

Students for Mental Health is a completely student-run organization dedicated to promoting mental wellness on campus and improving life at Michigan for all those who have or are affected by mental illness. Our mission is to advocate for mental health and raise awareness through our education initiatives while also promoting a healthy lifestyle and ensuring that students have access to all the resources available to them on campus.

**Collegiate Recovery Program**
uhs.umich.edu/recovery

Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP) provides holistic, tailored support to Michigan students who are in recovery from alcohol or other drug problems. If you are a student in recovery or are curious about recovery, contact CRP.

**Additional Web Support**

- U of M Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
caps.umich.edu/
  - Self-Help Information available
- Facebook CAPS page
facebook.com/umichCAPS/
- Free CAPS Stressbusters App
caps.umich.edu/article/innovative-free-stressbusters-app
- Campus Mind Works
campusmindworks.org/

**Crisis Numbers**

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"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a complex history. We have the capacity to do something. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to act. If we remember those times and places and there are so many—where people have behaved compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness, this gives us the energy to act. At least the possibility of a different direction."

- Howard Zinn

3 ways to choose optimism:
1) Smile. Even if it feels like it's for no reason. And spend time with people or doing activities that make you smile.
2) Just visualize yourself with those people or doing those activities, and smile.
3) Consider that most things have elements of good and bad. Without dismissing the bad parts of a day or situation, spend some time considering some of the good... no matter how small.
"Choose connection."

Prioritize time to connect with people who refuel you.

"Become friends with people who aren't your age. Hang out with people whose first language isn't the same as yours. Get to know someone who doesn't come from your social class. This is how you see the world. This is how you grow."

-Unknown
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