

SB-YOU: Take Care of Your Mental Health The Self-Care Basics Karlin Bruegel, PhD, Clinical Psychology

There are several ways that you may look after your mental and emotional health needs. The following activities are considered the basics of self-care.

- Proper diet
- Enjoyable exercise
- Proper sleep
- Mindfulness exercises
- Self-expression—art, singing, journaling, etc.
- Spending time with friends and/or family
- Making friends online
- Joining a Meetup or other special-interest/hobbyist group
- Joining an emotional support group
- Spending time in solitude
- Taking up a hobby (old or new)!
- Asking for help/support from trustworthy, supportive people
- Volunteering
- Breaking stressful and daunting tasks into smaller pieces, and delegating tasks to trustworthy loved ones and supportive people