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ANXIETY AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

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FUTURE....

• "Despite our technological abundance, depression, anxiety, loneliness, and addiction remain common. In 2030, depression passed obesity as the world's greatest health risk. Too little has changed in the 40 years since."



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION – OCTOBER 2024

"I in 7" I0-19 yr olds experience a Mental Health Disorder Depression Anxiety – NO I Suicidal Thoughts Behavioral Disorders Loneliness Addiction

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among 15-29yr olds

Short term stress Medium term stress Chronic Stress

HEALTH DETERMINANTS



WHAT YOUTH ARE SAYING?

"We see what's happening in society and in our world, we feel numb"	"Technology is overwhelming, we feel stressed by all the information"	"News spread so quickly, especially negative and untrue information and we need to deal with it"	"Social media makes me compare and I feel negative"
"Social media is just escapism"	"Social media makes me feel unproductive"	"I just need to vent, don't need a response, just acknowledge"	"I have an open mind, don't judge me so quickly"
" Forget ego and pride"			

SOME BASIC FACTS ABOUT OUR CHILDREN

01

They are concerned about IMAGE (allow mirror time)

02

They are feeling CONFLICTED already (choose your battles)

03

Youth don't like too many QUESTIONS (be interested but not intrusive)

04

They want to SEPARATE (encourage, embrace independence over time)

HOME IS WHERE OUR STORY BEGINS



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How are children different in today's times?

Can we believe that kids are inherently good inside?

Are kids craving boundaries?

QUESTIONS:

What is your reflection of your child?

Can you be a good parent having a bad time?



COMMON QUESTIONS

The "Role" of Parenting and co-parenting

My kids don't listen and respect my boundaries, what to do?

How do I deal with rudeness?

When children say, "I hate you", what to do?

Are you afraid of your child?

THE 5 C'S TO AVOID



THE 5 C'S THAT CONNECT



WHAT WORDS CAN WE USE?



PARENTING TOOLS:

Use	Use Affirmations: "I am safe" This is not an emergency; I can cope with this"	
Say	Say "I Love You"	
Do	Do nothing	
Practice	Practice Skills	
Have	Have Family Meetings	
Be	Be interested in their interests – be playful	
Allow	Allow children to be bored	

Rules without relationship leads to rebellion?

Feelings without skills is bad behavior

We only control what we don't trust

Trauma is not only what happens to you but what happens inside you.



TIPS TO REMEMBER:







MODERN DAY PARENTING

Know Yourself – Observe Yourself Repair Yourself First Stay connected







Quality time is highly valued

Allow for silence

Set boundaries









MODERN DAY PARENTING

Move the body

More time in nature

Manage Social Media

Delay social medial: it is designed for adults not teens





Improve sleep routines, diet Be less pessimistic – more optimistic

Journaling, Breathwork, Meditation, Mindfulness

THE FOUR A'S



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