

Digital Mental Health for Young People

WHAT IS DIGITAL MENTAL HEALTH?

Digital mental health services are programs, tools or applications delivered online or over the phone. These are designed to help Australians of all ages with mild to moderate mental health symptoms. Some services can be used in crisis or as an 'in-the-moment' coping tool, while others are designed as full treatment interventions, with modules to complete over weeks or months. They may be self-driven or practitioner guided and can be used alone or in combination with face-to-face therapy.

Digital mental health services are a great option for youth, as many are digital natives and already very familiar with online tools and apps. See below and overleaf for digital mental health services suitable for young people.

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Crisis Support



Kids Helpline

Phone and real time web-based crisis support for youth (5-25 yrs)
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>
1800 55 1800 (24hrs)



Lifeline

24/7 phone counselling, and online crisis support chat available each evening.
<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>
13 11 14



Beyond Blue Support Service

Telephone, online and email counselling for people going through a tough time.
<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>
1300 224 636 (24hrs)



1800RESPECT

Phone and online counselling for people seeking help for themselves or someone else experiencing domestic and family violence or unwanted sexual experiences.
<https://1800respect.org.au/>
1800 737 732 (24hrs)

This resource sheet is designed for mental health professionals to use, whether as a resource to share with clients or as a reference guide. Others are welcome to use or share this resource for general information purposes only and within the scope of their professional role.

National Mental Health Website



Head to Health

A website that links Australians to free or low-cost online and phone mental health services.
<https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

Counselling Support



Butterfly Foundation

Online and phone counselling, information, and support groups for people concerned about eating disorders.
<https://butterfly.org.au/>
1800 33 4673



CanTeen

Phone, online and email counselling and forums to help young people (12-24yrs) cope with cancer.
<https://www.canteen.org.au/>
1800 835 932
support@canteen.org.au



headspace

Online and phone support for young people (12-25yrs) with a range of issues.
<https://headspace.org.au/online-and-phone-support/>



QLife

Online 'chat' and phone counselling for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people (LGBTIQ+).
<https://qlife.org.au/>
1800 184 527

Apps



Niggle

A take home, self-help toolkit for all things related to mental, social and emotional wellbeing.
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/niggle>



MoodMission

An app based on cognitive behavioural therapy designed to help individuals overcome low moods and anxiety by discovering new and better ways of coping.
<https://moodmission.com/>



ReachOut WorryTime App

An app to help control everyday stress and anxiety by giving you a place to store worries, and alerting you when it's time to think about them.
<https://au.reachout.com/tools-and-apps/reachout-worrytime>

Useful Program & Websites



BITE BACK

Online activities, psychoeducation and positive psychology aiming to promote wellbeing and resilience in young people (12-25yrs).
<https://www.biteback.org.au/>



The BRAVE Program

Prevention, intervention, and treatment of anxiety in young people. Includes child (3-7 and 8-12), teen (12-17), and parent components.
<http://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au>



MoodGYM

An online program teaching cognitive behaviour therapy skills to manage symptoms of depression and anxiety.
<https://moodgym.com.au/>



Livewire

Online community to help young people (12-20yrs) cope with serious/chronic illnesses or conditions.
<https://livewire.org.au/>



THIS WAY UP 'Teen Worry and Sadness'

Online, self-guided CBT program for teens transitioning into adulthood. Own clinician assisted option available.
<https://thiswayup.org.au/>



MindSpot Clinic 'Mood Mechanic Course'

An online program for stress, worry, anxiety and depression in people aged 18-25.
<https://www.mindspot.org.au/course/wellbeing>



Smiling Mind

A website and app teaching Mindfulness Meditation to young people and adults.
<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>



ReachOut

Practical tools and support to help youth (under 25) get through everything from everyday issues to tough times. Includes toolbox of apps.
<https://au.reachout.com/>



BeyondNow

An app and online tool that involves creating a safety plan the users can work through when experiencing suicidal thoughts.
<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/beyondnow-suicide-safety-planning/>



Bullying. No Way!

Information, resources and activities for bullying education and prevention.
<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>



OCD? Not Me!

Online program including information, practical skills and support for young people (12-18yrs) with OCD.
<http://www.ocdnotme.com.au/>