

Digital Mental Health Resources for New and Expecting Parents

Digital mental health resources are online programs and tools, apps, and other phone and video-based platforms that deliver mental health support. They can be used alone or in combination with support from your GP or face-to-face therapy.

These resources are based on research evidence, free or low cost, and easy to access at a time that suits you, with just a phone or an internet connection. Some services even allow you to remain anonymous.

If you are unsure what type of support you need or you find that you need a bit more help, you might need a professional assessment to work out why you are feeling this way. Your GP, mental health professional or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker is a great place to start.

For other relevant resources see Medicare Mental Health or WellMob.

Medicare Mental Health



Connecting all Australians to mental health support.

WellMob



Digital social, emotional and cultural wellbeing resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

This brief guide provides a list of digital mental health resources suitable for new and expecting parents. This list is not exhaustive and represents only Australian products.

This guide is for general information purposes only and is not a substitute for professional mental health advice. For more information on mental health assessment or treatment, visit your GP or other mental health professional.

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Counselling

Support to work through a problem.



PANDA

☎ 1300 726 306 (Mon-Fri 9am-7:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm)
Phone and online support for the wellbeing of parents and families during family planning, pregnancy and the first year of parenthood.



Mensline

☎ 1300 78 99 78 (24/7)
A telephone, video and webchat counselling service offering support to men in Australia.

Information

Learn more about what is going on and what getting better looks like.



Raising Children Network

Guidance for parents and caregivers to help families grow and thrive together.



Emerging Minds Families

Information on child mental health for parents and caregivers of infants to teens.

Crisis Counselling

Support to work through service distress or crisis.

If you are in immediate danger, please call "000" or go to an emergency department.



Lifeline

☎ 13 11 14 (24/7)
Phone, SMS and webchat counselling and information for people experiencing emotional distress and thoughts of suicide.



Suicide Call Back Service

☎ 1300 659 467 (24/7)
Counselling for people (15 yrs+) in Australia who are feeling suicidal or affected by suicide available via webchat (15yrs+), telephone (15yrs+) and video call (18yrs+).



13YARN

☎ 13 92 76 (24/7)
Callers who are feeling worried or no good can have a confidential yarn to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander crisis supporter over the phone.



1800RESPECT

☎ 1800 737 732 (24/7)
A domestic, family, and sexual violence phone, video, SMS and webchat counselling service.

Psychological Treatment

A structured, interactive program or service that helps with a particular mental health concern.

+ 👤 Guided support available from a clinician.



Mum2BMoodBooster

Self-assessment and self-guided intervention program to support women with antenatal depression and anxiety.

MumMoodBooster

An online self-assessment and self-guided intervention program to support women with postnatal depression and anxiety.



MindSpot

Mental health self-assessment tool (with feedback), information and online treatment programs with optional therapist guided support for adults (18yrs+) with anxiety & depression, OCD, PTSD, sleep issues, chronic pain, or chronic conditions.



THIS WAY UP

\$59 OR FREE WITH REFERRAL



Self-guided or own-clinician-supported self-assessment and mental health treatment and wellbeing programs for teens with depression/anxiety or adults with depression, anxiety disorders, OCD, PTSD, insomnia, stress or chronic pain. Perinatal and student programs available.



Mental Health Online

Self-guided or therapist-guided mental health intervention programs for adults (18yrs+) with various mental health concerns, including depression, anxiety conditions, OCD and PTSD. Virtual reality (VR) mindfulness tool.



eCouch

Online self-directed programs to help adults (16yrs+) manage depression, worry, social anxiety, or wellbeing through separation/divorce or grief and loss.

Peer Support

Connect with other who have been in the same position.



Beyond Blue

☎ 1300 22 4636 (24/7)
Information, phone and webchat counselling, and peer support forums for people going through a tough time. Not a crisis service.

Screening and Referral

Check your symptoms and find further help.



For When Helpline

☎ 1300 24 23 22 (Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm)
Mental health care referral phone line for new and expecting parents and caregivers.

Symptom Management and Wellbeing Tools

Tools to help cope with mental health symptoms or improve mental wellbeing.



MindMum

An app to help new and expectant mothers manage emotional challenges.



What Were We Thinking!

An app and website to promote confidence, adjust to relationship changes, and reduce stress in new parents and caregivers adjusting to life with a baby.



Baby Steps

Self-guided online program to enhance the wellbeing of new parents adjusting to life with a baby.



SMS4dads

Automated SMS tips for dads and dads-to-be to connect with their baby and partner while supporting their own wellbeing.



Triple P Online

Online CBT parenting programs supporting child development and family wellbeing from babies to teens, with courses for parents of children with anxiety and families navigating divorce.



Stress Less Tips

Tips to help support mental health and wellbeing by decreasing stress.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Resources to support connection to Country, culture, spirituality, family and community.



SMS4deadlydads

Automated SMS tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dads and dads-to-be to connect with their baby and partner while supporting their own wellbeing.



Yarning SafeNStrong

☎ 1800 959 563 (24/7)
A service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People providing a safe space to yarn with someone about wellbeing, including financial wellbeing and drug and alcohol issues.



Brother to Brother Crisis Line

☎ 1800 435 799 (24/7)
Crisis phone support line for Aboriginal men struggling with relationships, family violence, parenting or other issues. Staffed by Aboriginal men with lived experience.