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Make a difference in your mental wellbeing

It’s Mental Health Week, May 1-7, and Alberta Health Services wants to remind you resources are available to help your emotional and mental health.

During the week AHS is hoping to inspire you to learn more about how you can increase your positive emotional and mental health including ways to help you de-stress through online resources such as:

- **Ways to Wellness**, an online mental health challenge, provides seven different tips and ideas to encourage you to engage in physical activity, eat healthy foods, practice gratitude and have fun as some small steps to improve your mental health and help to reduce stress. Learn more about the simple steps you can take through the video: Ways to Wellness (YouTube).

- **Help in Tough Times**, has resources and services available to help you or someone you know who may be struggling. It has information, resources, tools and important contact information to help you, including self-help tips to ease some of the stress you may be feeling.

AHS wants Albertans to remember, if you are struggling, whether it’s day to day stresses, a loss of a loved one, home or job, or family crisis, you are not alone. There are supports in place to help you cope. Help can come in many forms and for some of us we may need more support than others.

For more information on addiction and or mental health services near you, call Health Link at 811 or visit: http://www.ahs.ca/amh/amh.aspx.