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JOIN US AT THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY Thursday May 12th 1-5pm



Come show your support for Mental Health Awareness by wearing lime green!

- INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS
- ACCESS TO WNY'S BEST PROVIDERS & RESOURCES
- ✓ FUN GAMES & A CHANCE TO WIN VALUABLE PRIZES
- MUSIC AND DANCING THROUGHOUT THE DAY
- 1:00 PM FLASH MOB FRONT PLAZA OF LIBRARY

The Mental Health Awareness Flash Mob will be returning to downtown Buffalo's Central Library on May 12th. This year, in the aftermath of the pandemic, we'll be focusing on youthful alternatives for wellness. Come and meet local community organizations and services!



10TH ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY Activities

1:00 PM 1:10 - 2:00 PM 2:00 - 2:30 PM

2:30 - 3:00 PM

3:00- 4:00 PM

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Opening Speaker: MH Commissioner Mark O'Brien

FLASH MOB: DJ & Dancing

Adithri Performs

Head to the 3rd floor for Activities & Provider Fair

Dennis George's Quiz Bowl

Panel Discussion**

- Rock Painting with Cinda
- Visit the Wellness Wall to share what you do for Self-Care
- Get your portrait drawn by Crystal
- Learn about Digital Storytelling & RSI's Mobile Media Lab
- Community Outreach through Music with Reece and Adithri
- **A Pandemic within a Pandemic: young leaders and providers discuss challenges & strategies for the youth and young adult community

THANK YOU Buffalo & Erie Co. Public Library Restoration Society Inc. BestSelf Behavioral Health WNY Independent Living

& everyone who volunteered their time to create this event!

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Make sure you get a raffle ticket for attending and stick around for your chance to win a prize!

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BUFFALO'S 10TH ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY



MAY HOLIDAYS

- 1-May Day
- 2-Brother & Sisters Day
- 4- Kentucky Derby Day (first Saturday)
- 4-Star Wars Day
- 5-Cinco De Mayo
- 5- Ramadan (varies)
- 6-National Nurses Day
- 8- No Socks Day
- 10- Clean Up Your Room Day
- 11- Eat What You Want Day
- 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday)
- 15- National Chocolate Chip Day
- 17- National Bike to Work Day (3rd Friday)
- 18- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday)
- 18-No Dirty Dishes Day
- 19- World Plant a Veggie Garden Day
- 21- Victoria Day (Canada)
- 22-National Buy A Musical instrument Day
- 23- Lucky Penny Day
- 25- National Brown Bag It Day
- 26-Sally Ride Day
- 27-Memorial Day (last Monday)
- 28-National Hamburger Day
- 30-Water a Flower Day

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Holly's Corner

I do not have a family for day-to-day contact, when some practice conversations, expressing feelings, and making goals. This might not have anything to do with much of anything at all such as Cupcake Day or Women's Appreciation Month; however, it pertains to Mental Health Awareness Month in I believe, in May. This is about a book I bought on Amazon Smiles and here is something that may help: On page 93, in "Pathway to Recovery', I read a worksheet asking about the "talents and skills I have" and to forward the question(s) to a Supporter and/or Ally. It says, "Please list below some of the gifts, talents and skills you see in me." As of course, the examples provided include "being able to sing on key, solving problems, sketching and drawing, getting along well with people, gardening, reciting poetry, long distance running, crafts, and breaking bread."

I had anxiety growing up. Although I craved getting all A's, I struggled once doing a project of a portrait. In the end, I believe I received an A. Whatever I did, I faced a constant voice in my head comparing me to my best friend and her loom-addicted mother. I would spend time gazing out the window in the winter wearing my snow pants, hoping I would see her when we moved. In those day, a move of 2-6 blocks equated to culture shock and it was. We did not drive then. For a skill, such as breadmaking, I have done it both ways (professional grade bread maker versus pan-made lemon banana loaf). This book has gotten me through the loneliness of holidays while guaranteeing that I will not neglect myself. It is one of the isolated moments in life when I have the time to read this literature!!!

-Holly Martin





How many green mental health awareness ribbons do you see in this issue? Email your answer to newsletter@rsiwny.org!



Veteran Corner - Using the Veteran Crisis Line as part of WRAP by Heidi Olsen

With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, I thought I would share one piece of my recovery. When I went through the WRAP group at the Buffalo VA I processed the information differently than what was in the book. I had decided that for each area of wellness that there were triggers that I would be able to manage on my own or minimal assistance and other triggers that required more support and intervention.

One of my primary triggers is having too many thoughts at once and not being able to keep track to those thoughts. As a Veteran one of the resources that i utilize is the Veteran Crisis Line. I use this resource for when I am in a stressful situation, or I feel like I need mental health support after hours. I use this resource when I am in a crisis but need more support. I have used the chat room, and the phone number many times.

For Veterans that want a responder to a mental health crisis that is a Veteran or works with Veterans and feel uncomfortable with civilian responders this resource is very accessible. The Veteran Crisis Line is for all service members and Veterans even if you are not connected to the Veterans Health Administration for care.

The numbers for the Veteran Crisis Line is 1-800-273-8255 press 1.

For the confidential chat go to VeteranCrisisLine.net.

If you want to text go to 838255



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Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Mental Health Awareness Month Playlist

In observation of Mental Health Awareness Month, all of the musicians on my playlist have struggled with their mental health. Many of them are among the best-selling musicians of all time, which demonstrates how fame and fortune are not keys to happiness. In most cases, career-related issues triggered their symptoms. So, while you listen to each song, remember that we are all human.

1. Karen Carpenter- "We've Only Just Begun" the Carpenters

Karen Carpenter's beautiful voice had the smooth sound consistent with 1970s easy listening. She struggled with anorexia, which ultimately led to heart failure in 1983. Her tragic death sparked awareness about eating disorders.

2. James Taylor- "Fire and Rain"

Singer-songwriter James Taylor has struggled with depression throughout his life and was hospitalized several times. "Fire and Rain" is partially about learning that his childhood friend completed suicide, his struggle with depression, and coping with his recording career, which started out poorly.

3. Alanis Morissette- "Hand In My Pocket"

Alanis Morissette is very open about her struggles with postpartum depression, which she has experienced many years. As a teenager she also struggled with an eating disorder and depression. She says that no matter how she is feeling, she can always write.

4. Brian Wilson- "I Get Around," The Beach Boys

In December of 1964, Brian Wilson experienced a nervous breakdown and stopped touring with the Beach Boys until 1983. He has suffered from schizoaffective disorder and depression for more than 50 years. Even after the breakdown, the Beach Boys had 12 top 40 hits.

5. Billy Joel- "This Night", Beethoven- Pathetique sonata

Billy Joel has struggled with his mental health throughout his life and believes that everyone can become depressed under the right circumstances. For the chorus of "This Night," he used a melody from Beethoven's *Pathetique* piano sonata. Based on historical documents, present-day scholars speculate that Beethoven probably suffered from bipolar disorder.

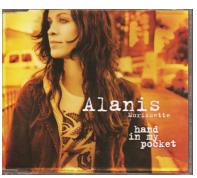
6. Paul Simon- "Hearts and Bones"

Paul Simon cites career-related disappointments as the reason for his depressive episodes. "Hearts and Bones" has additional connections to mental health awareness because he wrote it about his relationship with Carrie Fisher, who famously had bipolar disorder. She is my most favorite person of all time.

7. Dusty Springfield- "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me"

My favorite singer, Dusty Springfield, struggled with her mental health throughout her life. This song is part of my own recovery story. When I was pursuing my master's degree in musicology, I fell into a deep depressive episode and wanted to drop out of school and drop out of life. My dream was failing me. I took a popular music course where we read an article about "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me." The class discussion was rewarding, and I was excited about something for the first time in one year. While listening to Dusty, it took three days for one year of darkness to melt away. This proved to me that it is possible to thrive after setbacks, and when life presents me with challenges, I remember that moment.

By Carolyn Brunelle





1 IN 5 PEOPLE

EXPERIENCE A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION

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Every 2nd & 4th Thursday

10am - 11:30am

Are you a current or former customer of Restoration Society Inc.?

We need YOU to join us to help envision, create and sustain our community and ensure it reflects our peer philosophy, vision, and values!



The Academy of Peer Services (APS) 2nd Term for 2022 will be open from May 2nd - July 22nd.

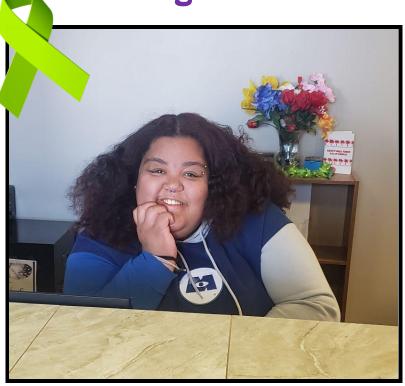
So if your goal is to become a Certified Peer Specialist in 2022 the time to start is now!

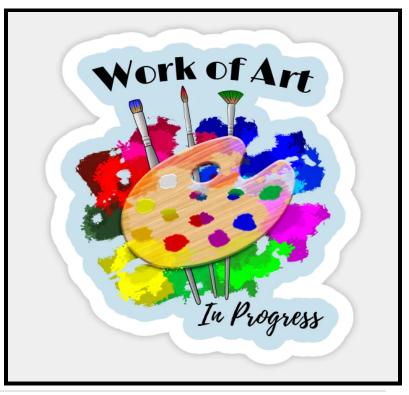
For more information and to get assistance starting the required courses contact RSI's Peer Services Coordinator Adam Selon at 716-208-8126



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Empowerment Academy's Writing Corner





Dear Mom,

I've tried so hard to find the words, to express what you mean to me.

In all my life none has yet to be found, to express your generosity For all the time you carried me, throughout your pain and strife. I love you more than life itself, even when you was wrong or right.

For all the time you shed a tear and no one was there for you I cried myself a million times just watching you make it through. In all the time you thought to yourself about what I think of you

You could never do any wrong in my eyes, in all the things you do.
You see, so much time has

passed us bye, in you still remain, my life.

A moment I wouldn't change for nothing in the world, a love that has no price.

And you taught me that it could be hard sometimes, when you're trying to live it right.

And I would have never known of any of this, if I had not seen you fight.

So I want to take this time to thank you, for those nine months you gave.

A child you brought into the world. A life you surely saved.

These were the last words I said to my mother - Ricky Sanders.









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TEN YERS



When it comes to Hard driving Blues groups there was none better in the late 1960s than Ten Years After. Ten Years After was led by the incomparable Alvin Lee ,(the other members of Ten Years After included: Chick Churchill, Rick Lee, and Leo Lyons. Alvin Lee was a fantastic Blues guitarist who could really burn up the fretboard with blazing speed. There story begins in Nottingham, England when in 1960 Ten Years After were originally known as Ivan J and The Jay Cats, (This is the era when Cliff Richards and The Shadows, Terry and The pirates, Lonnie Donnigan, and Alex Korner we're also popular in England as well.) Then in 1962 they were known as Bluesyard then they changed there name to the Jaybirds, They were known as the Jaybirds till 1966 when they became Ten Years After, 1966 was also the year that Alvin Lee joined Ten Years After. By the way Alvin Lee named the group Ten Years After because he was influenced by his childhood hero Elvis Presley. In part two I will go into more detail of this spotlight on Ten Years After.

-Tim Malley



The Importance of Self-Care

Job hunting is stressful. There's no doubt about it. 69% of people report feeling highly stressed when trying to find a new job. And it makes sense: there's so much riding on it. Being able to pay rent, make student loan payments, and - you know - eat puts a lot of pressure on you. But finding work, especially a job that you're excited about, takes time. On average, it takes more than 22 weeks (over 5 months!!) to land a new job. No one should be

living under stress for that long, which is why it's important to engage in self-care during the job search.

Finding ways to take the pressure might sound counterproductive, but self-care can make your job search more effective. And keep you from burning out!

Here are 10 things you can do to infuse some self-care during the job search

- 1. Create a Daily Schedule
- 2. Work it Out
- 3. Ditch the Negative Self Talk
- 4. Give Yourself a Break
- 5. Embrace Flexibility
- 6. Sleep In
- 7. Get Outside
- 8. Celebrate Your Victories
- 9. Explore New Hobbies
- 10. Set Goals

When you are job hunting, it's vital that you keep things in perspective.



The struggle to get hired can feel like a personal failure when the reality is that the system itself is broken. It's looking like HR departments are finally starting to understand that. But until they start taking action to improve things, make sure you take care of yourself first. Your health - both mental and physical - always comes first. Practicing self-care during the job search will help you keep your head above water while looking for work.

References: https://jobflare.com/blog/10-ways-to-practice-self-care-during-the-job-search/



Yes, This Is For Real. No Gimmicks, No Strings Attached.

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2022

ONE DAY ONLY!

9AM - 4PM

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- ⇒ Clinic staffed by NYS Licensed Doctors of Ophthalmology & Optometry
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 - ⇒ Early attendance is recommended and encouraged



Empowerment Academy: May 202. TUESDAY THURSDAY WEDNESDAY 10a-11a: Monday Check In 10a-11a: Anxiety & Depression 9-1: Staff training (EA Closed) 10a-11p: Friday Check in w/Renee 10a-11a: Addiction and Recovery w/Stephen 11a-12p: Social Hour w/ Renee 11a-12p: Let's learn w/ Christopher w/Stephen 1-2pm: Open Group w/Stephen 11a-12p: Renee's Group 11a-12p: Newsletter Club 1p-2p: Rachael's Group 1p-3p: Wellness Outing w/ Dave 7:30p-8:30p: Group w/Anthony 1p-5p: Recovery Dungeons and Dragons 1p-2p: Customer Topic w/Dave 1p-2p: Dave's Group 6p-8pm: Movie Club w/Anthony 6:30p: Movie Night w/ Anthony 2p-4p: Peer Career Services Community 2p-3p Board Games w/Stephen of Practice 6p-7p: Current Events w/ Dave 5p-8p: Spades Club 10 10a-11a: Monday Check In 10a-11a: Anxiety & Depression 10a-12p: Flash Mob Poster Making and 10a-10:30a: Friday Check in w/Renee 10a-11a: Addiction and Recovery w/Stephen 11a-12p: Social Hour w/ Renee Prep Work 10a-11a: ACE Employment Staff at EA w/Stephen 11a-12p: Renee's Group 11a-12p: Craft Time 1p-2p: Rachael's Group 12:30p: EA Walk Down to Flash Mob 10:30a-12p: Game Tournament 1p-2p: Customer Run Group 1p-2p: Dave's Group 6p-8p: WRAP Workshop w/ Anthony 1p-5p: Flash Mob at Downtown Library! 1p-3p: Wellness Outing w/ Dave 6:30p: Movie Night w/ Anthony (EA CLOSED 1-5) 1p-5p: Recovery Dungeons and Dragons 2p-3p Kitchen Planning w/Stephen 6p-7p: Current Events w/ Dave 5p: EA Opens Back Up 5p-8p: Spades Club SATURDAY MAY 13th - EA is CLOSED 7:30p-8:30p: Group w/Anthony Meet us Canalside! 16 10a-11a: Monday Check In 10a-11a: Addiction and Recovery 10a-11a: Anxiety & Depression 10a-11a: Current events w/EA 10a-11p: Friday Check in w/Renee w/Stephen w/Stephen w/Christopher 11a-12p: Intern Group! 11a-12p: Let's learn w/Christopher 11a-12p: Newsletter Club 11a-12p: Social Hour w/ Renee 1-2pm: Open Group w/Stephen 1p-3p: Wellness Outing w/ Dave 11a-12p: Renee's Group 7:30p-8:30p: Group w/Anthony 1p-2p: Customer Topic w/Dave 1p-2p: Dave's Group 1-2p: Rachael's Group 1p-5p: Recovery Dungeons and Dragons 6:30p: Movie Night w/ Anthony 2p-4p: Board Games with Stephen 6p-8pm: Movie Club w/Anthony 2p-4p: Peer Career Services Community 6p-7p: Newsletter Writing w/ Dave of Practice 5p-8p: Spades Club 23 24 10a-11a: Monday Check In 10a-11a: Anxiety & Depression 10a-11a: Addiction and Recovery 10a-12p: Peer Advisory Council (PAC) w/ 10a-10:30p: Friday Check in w/Renee w/Stephen w/Stephen w/Christopher Adam (Free Coffee and Biscotti) *** 10a-11a: ACE Employment Staff at EA 11a-12p: Craft Time 11a-12p: Social Hour w/Renee 1p-2p: Open Group w/Stephen 10:30a-12p: Game Tournament 11a-12p: Renee's Group 1p-2p: Customer Run Group 1p-2p: Dave's Group 1-2p: Rachael's Group 3p-5p: RSI Art Studio w/ Adam*** 1p-3p: Wellness Outing w/ Dave 6:30p: Movie Night w/ Anthony 2p-3p Kitchen Planning w/Stephen 6p-8p: WRAP Workshop w/ Anthony 7:30p-8:30p: Group w/ Anthony 1p-5p: Recovery Dungeons and Dragons 6p-7p: Current Events w/ Dave 2p-4p: Peer Career Services Community of Practice 5p-8p: Spades Club 10a-11a: Addiction and Recovery Hours of Operation The events on this calendar Memorial Day w/Stephen Join Us On-site or by Mon-Fri 9am-8:30pm are subject to change due to EA is OPEN 11a-12p: Newsletter Club Phone! Sat & Sun 9am-1pm unforeseen circumstances 1p-2p: Dave's Group 10am - 2pm 327 Elm St. Buffalo, NY 14203 Please call ahead to confirm 2p-4p: Board Games with Stephen Phone: 716-884-5216 *** Contact Adam with questions about

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9 ART THERAPY	10 LGBTQ, DINNER & TALK "HOW YOU DOIN"	11 Eat What You Want Day Peace Hub	12 TRAX RECOVERY	13 LADIES NIGHT ROLLER SKATE NIGHT
16 ART THERAPY	17 LGBTQ, DINNER & "WHAT'S THE TEA"	18 Int'l Museum Day Study Group	19 TRAX RECOVERY PROGRAM POOL TOURNAMENT	20 LADIES NIGHT BINGO
23 ART THERAPY	24 LGBTQ, DINNER & FTNESS DAY	25 FAMILY NIGHT! GAME NIGHT!	26 TRAX RECOVERY PROGRM AIR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	27 LADIES NIGHT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
MEMORIAL DAY Clubhouse Closed	31 LGBTQ, DINNER STAFF & MEMBER COOK NIGHT!	IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH #breakthestigma	MEMURIAL DAY	

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Pamela Young!

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