

Child & Youth Mental Health Toolkits Electronic/Online Resources – Websites

Topic	URL	Website Content	Suitable For
ADHD	http://www.chadd.org/	CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is a U.S.-based non-profit organization that provides education, advocacy and support for individuals with ADHD and their families. The website has information about detection and treatment of ADHD as well as resources and tips.	Parents & professionals
Anxiety	http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/taming_the_monsters	Caring for Kids is a website designed to provide parents with information about their children's health & well-being. The site was developed by the Canadian Paediatric Society and includes topics such as teen health, child safety and behaviour and parenting. This particular link provides information about common worries at different ages and stages of child development and suggestions as to how parents can help their children deal with fears.	Young children & their parents
Anxiety	http://anxietybc.com	Information and resources from the Anxiety Disorders Association of British Columbia (a non-profit organization) about understanding, recognizing and managing different types of anxiety. CBT is discussed in detail, and self-help tools are provided. There are separate sections for different age groups/populations (youth and young adults, adults, parents, etc.).	Youth, young adults, adults, new mothers & parents
Bullying	http://needhelpnow.ca/app/en/	Need Help Now is a website created by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, a charitable organization. The website is designed to provide guidance, resources and practical steps youth can take if they have experienced online sexual exploitation, for example, a sexual picture/video of themselves (or someone they know) being shared by peers (sometimes known as "sexting"). The site is geared towards 13- to 17-year-old youth in Canada.	Children, youth, adults & professionals
CBT Self- Help	https://moodgym.anu.edu.au/welcome	MoodGYM is a free, fun, interactive program that was created by staff at the Centre for Mental Health Research at the Australian National University to prevent depression in young people. It consists of five modules, an interactive game, anxiety and depression assessments, a workbook and other components that teach the principles of cognitive behaviour therapy as well as relaxation and meditation techniques. The modules explore issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why you feel the way you do • Changing the way you think • Changing 'warped' thoughts • Knowing what makes you upset • Assertiveness and interpersonal skills training Registration is required to use this site; registration is free.	Teens & young adults

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CBT Self- Help	http://www.lttf.com/	<p>Living Life to the Full is a U.K.-based website created by a professor of psychiatry at the University of Glasgow. The online guided CBT sessions, along with the corresponding work sheets, provide knowledge and practical skills for dealing with anxiety and depression. Language is accessible, however the accent on the audio is British, and some words may be slightly different than would be used in Canada.</p> <p>Sample sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do I feel so bad? • How to fix almost everything • 10 things that make you feel happier straight away • I'm not good enough • I can't be bothered doing anything <p>Registration is not required for the sample sessions but is required for access to other content and resources; registration is free.</p>	Older teens & adults
Depression	http://www.familyaware.org/index.php	<p>Families for Depression Awareness is a national (U.S.) non-profit organization whose aim is to help families recognize and cope with depressive disorders and prevent suicides. The website includes stories, interviews, videos, resources and fact sheets for teens/children and adults.</p>	Youth & their families
Divorce	http://www.familieschange.ca/index.htm	<p>Families Change is a B.C.-based website about separation and divorce developed by the Justice Education Society of B.C. There are separate sections for children, pre-teens/teens, and parents. The site can be viewed in both English and French. Age-appropriate information is provided on topics such as changes to expect, emotions, ways of coping and the law. The website also provides links to other resources about separation and divorce.</p>	Children, Youth, Parents & Professionals
Eating Disorders	http://www.bodywhys.ca/	<p>BodyWhys Youth Canada is a nationally registered charity based in Calgary. The website provides information aimed primarily at parents of children aged 8 to 13 about the prevention, detection and treatment of eating disorders.</p>	Parents & professionals
Gambling	http://www.problemgambling.ca/Pages/Home.aspx	<p>Problem Gambling is an Ontario-based website created by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). The website provides information, support and resources for patients of all ages and their families. The online self-help tools are free and can be used anonymously, however registration is required. Information and tools for health professionals are also available on the site.</p>	Youth, young adults, adults and professionals
General Child Health	www.pbskids.org	<p>PBS Kids is a trusted resource from U.S. public television. The site is filled with information on child development and early learning and offers educational games and activities for children, including some that are mental health-related, e.g., bullying, substance use. Some videos can only be viewed in the U.S. There are associated sites for parents and teachers.</p>	Children and younger youth

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General Mental Health	www.mindyourmind.ca	mindyourmind is a program of Family Service Thames Valley. The website aims to provide youth aged 14 to 24 with reliable and relevant resources and a forum to talk about a range of mental health-related issues, including anxiety mood and eating disorders; psychosis; healthy relationships, etc. Many of the resources have been co-developed by youth and professionals. There are youth stories, blogs and interactive resources as well as www.mindyourmindpro.ca for professionals.	Youth, young adults and professionals
General Mental Health	www.teenmentalhealth.org	This website has evidence-based resources (downloadable publications, videos, clinical tools, etc.) on a variety of mental health/mental illness issues (mental disorders, sleep, stigma, teen brain, etc.). There are separate sections for teens and families, educators and health professionals and a searchable resource library. The website is sponsored by IWK Health Centre, Dalhousie University, Sun Life Financial and others.	Teens, families, and professionals who work with youth
General Mental Health	http://mindcheck.ca	This B.C.-based website is designed to help youth and young adults check out how they're feeling and quickly connect to mental health resources and support. Topics include mood and anxiety, stress, alcohol and drugs, psychosis, and eating disorders. Support includes education, self-care tools and website links.	Youth, young adults, friends & family, professionals
General Mental Health	http://youthinbc.com	YouthInBC.com is run by the Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Centre of B.C., a volunteer-driven organization committed to helping people help themselves and others deal with crisis. During specific hours, a one-to-one chat service is available to youth across Canada. Educational information and links (some resources are specific to B.C.) are provided on topics such as abuse, bullying, eating disorders, drugs & alcohol, LGBTQ, self-harm, sexual health, stress and suicide.	Teens & young adults
General Mental Health	http://takingcare.knowledge.ca/splash.html	This BC-based website provides detailed information, presented in the form of modules, about depression, anxiety, behavioural problems and psychosis in children and youth.	Youth, their parents, families & professionals
Kids Help Phone	http://www.kidshelpline.ca/Teens/home.aspx	Kids Help Phone provides toll-free, 24/7, bilingual, anonymous, confidential phone and web counselling to those under 20 years old. The website has educational information on topics such as bullying, dating, emotional health, family, friendship, sexual orientation and more. There are separate sections for kids and teens.	Children & teens
Learning Disabilities	http://www.ncl.org/	This website by the U.S.-based National Centre for Learning Disabilities provides resources and information to those who struggle with learning disabilities such as dyslexia, ADHD and autism spectrum disorders. The site includes a brief summary of each learning disability, worksheets, checklists and videos to help parents support their child/youth with a learning disability to succeed in school, at work and in life. There is also a section for adults with a learning disability.	Parents, adults with a learning disability & professionals

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LGBTQ	http://www.youthline.ca/index.php	Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line is a toll-free Ontario-wide peer-support phone line for individuals aged 26 and under who identify as being part of the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual, and queer/questioning) community. They offer support, information and referrals specific to individual concerns. The website provides contact information for the youth line, information about issues such as bullying and harassment, a referral database and links to other resources.	Youth & young adults
Medication Guides	http://www.parentsmedguide.org/	This website has links to detailed medication guides for ADHD and childhood and adolescent depression developed by the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) as well as a link to a detailed medication guide for treating bipolar disorder in children and adolescents developed by AACAP.	Parents & professionals
Mindfulness	http://www.calm.com/	This website was developed by a San Francisco-based company. Visitors can select a nature scene using arrows at the bottom right of the screen and then choose either a guided or unguided meditation session. You can choose the length of the session: There are five options ranging from 2 to 20 minutes. The meditations are designed to help quiet the mind.	All ages
OCD	http://www.ocduk.org/	OCD-UK is a U.K.-based charity led by individuals with OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder) for individuals with OCD. The website offers information and resources including brief guides for parents (http://www.ocduk.org/ocd-information-guide), young children (http://www.ocduk.org/childrens-ocd-guide), and older children/teens (http://www.ocduk.org/young-peoples-ocd-guide).	Children, youth & their parents
Psychosis	http://www.psychosissucks.ca/	This B.C.-based website promotes early detection, educates about psychosis and provides direction for seeking help. The site includes a downloadable “Dealing With Psychosis” toolkit/workbook for teens and young adults.	Teens, their parents & professionals
Psychosis	http://www.psychosis101.ca/	This Ontario-based website created by staff at the North Bay Regional Health Centre provides reliable information on causes, early warning signs and treatment options for psychosis	Teens, their parents & professionals
Relationship Abuse	http://www.breakthecycle.org/	Break the Cycle is a U.S.-based agency that provides dating abuse prevention programs to young people. Their aim is to engage, educate and empower young people to prevent and end domestic and dating violence. The website provides information about topics such as signs of abuse, why dating violence matters and individuals’ rights as well as tools for action.	Teens, young adults & parents

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Relationship Abuse	http://www.loveisrespect.org/	Break the Cycle and the National Dating Abuse Helpline collaborated to create this website which deals with dating and relationships. Information is provided about healthy and unhealthy relationships, and issues around control and power are discussed. Various forms of dating abuse are identified, and information is provided about where to find help. Relationship quizzes and videos about relationship situations are accessible on or through the site. The website also provides links to online peer support as well as other resources for youth and professionals.	Teens, young adults, parents and professionals
Self-Injury	www.sioutreach.org	The self-injury outreach & support website is a collaboration between University of Guelph and McGill University. The website provides information and resources about self-injury (e.g., coping strategies, recovery stories, recommended books and other websites, etc.) to those who self-injure, those who have recovered, and those who want to help, such as parents, families and romantic partners. There are also sections for medical, mental health and school professionals.	Teens, young adults, parents and professionals
Social Media	http://www.thatsnotcool.com/	This U.S.-based, Ad Council website is for individuals aged 13 and over. Interactive information is presented about issues such as sexting, pressure to post nude pictures, violating privacy and control in relationships. The site provides access to many YouTube clips and interactive games. Registration is free but is required for access to some of the resources.	Teens & young adults