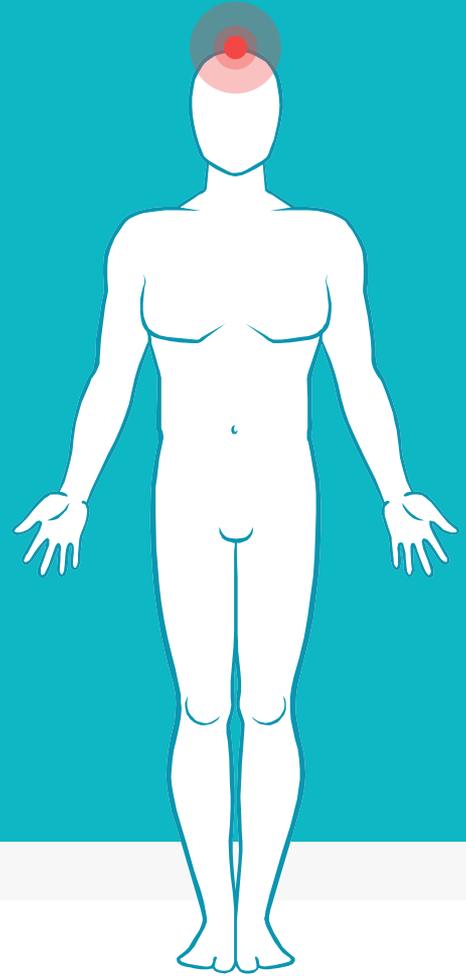


Self care as a solution  
to uneven access to  
mental health care



*“The individual who wishes to have an answer to the problem of evil has a need, first and foremost, of self-knowledge”*

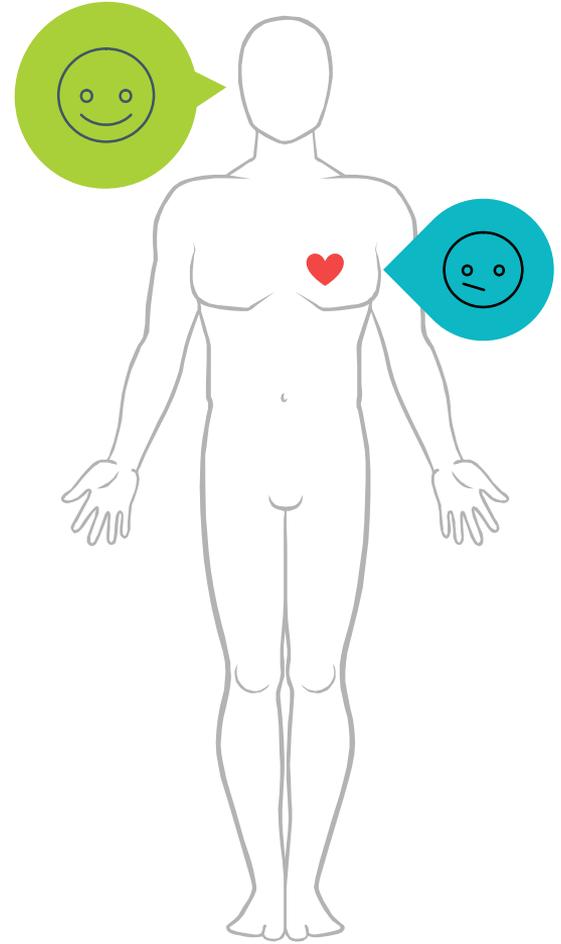
- *Carl Jung*

*Quoted in Romancing the Shadow*



## Romancing the Shadow

- “It requires one eye turned out toward the world of light, while the other eye is turned in toward the world of darkness”
- “Means reading the messages encoded in the events of our Daily lives”



## Our Shadow

It asks us to stop blaming others

It asks us to take responsibility

It asks us to move slowly

It asks us to deepen awareness

It asks us to hold paradox

It asks us to open our hearts

It asks us to sacrifice our ideals of perfection

It asks us to live the mystery



*“Once a week people in the thousands show up for their regular appointment with a therapist...”*

- *Thomas Moore*

*Care of the Soul*



## Care of the Soul

### Honoring your soul

- ▶ Look at “problems” and find their value
- ▶ All “negative” aspects have a positive side your soul is yearning for
- ▶ Care vs Cure
  - ▶ Cure - “no longer worrying about what bothers you”
  - ▶ Care - Ongoing attention without end

### Disowning your soul

- ▶ Cutting away “problems” instead of integrating them
- ▶ Sidestepping negative moods and feelings
- ▶ Two shadows
  - ▶ Who we choose not to be
  - ▶ True Evil in the world

How do you practice self care?

## The basics of Self Care

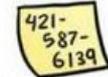
- Get Creative
- Journal
- Find someone to rely on
- Its OK to say “No”
- Do something fun

### EMERGENCY CARE WALL

for sadness

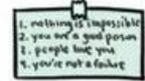


for loneliness



best friend's  
phone #

for self-doubt



list of reasons  
why you can

for anger



for worry



for other



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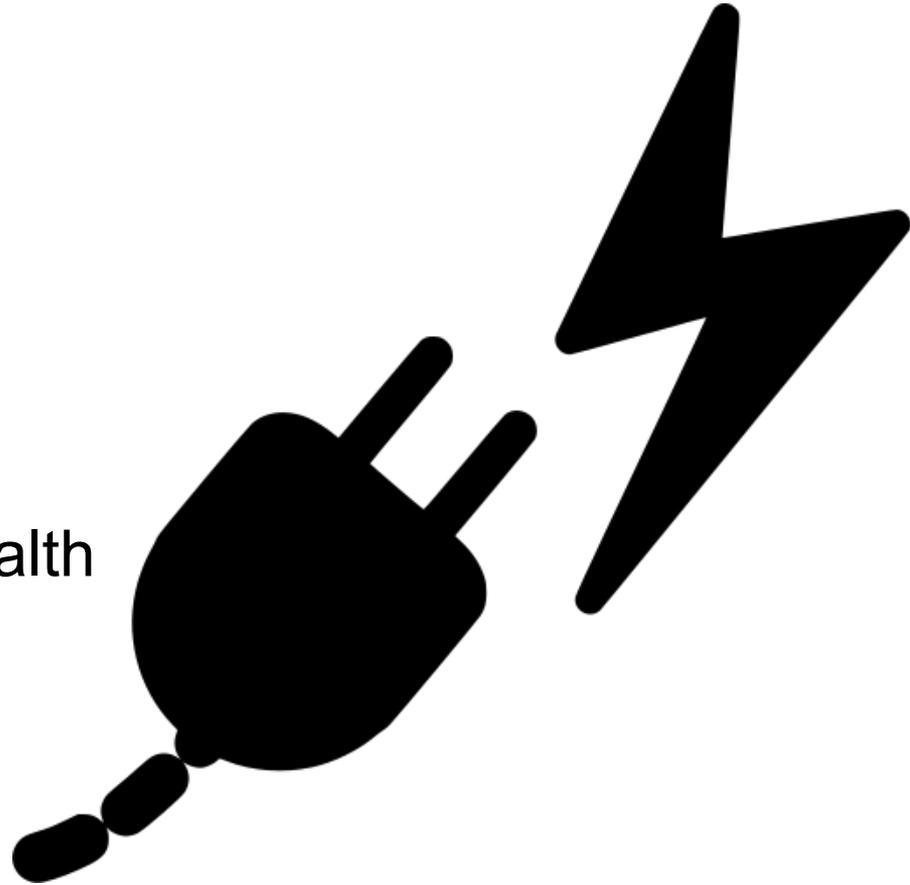
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## Protect your Mental Health

- Avoid Guilt
- Notice The Positive
- Recharge yourself
- Protect your Physical Health



## Protect your Physical Health

- Exercise daily
- Eat well
- Get enough sleep
- Avoid alcohol and drugs
  
- **Practice relaxation exercises**



## Practice Relaxation Exercises

- **Deep Breathing**
  - Breathe from abdomen, not chest
- **Progressive Muscle Relaxation**
  - Start at the top of toes, tense and then release every muscle as you progress up through your body to your head
- **Mediation**
  - Try a guided meditation app



# Meditate

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Sleep

Anxiety

Beginners

Stress

Self-Care

Inner Peace

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Staying on Track



Home



Calming Flight  
Anxiety



Sleep



Mindfulness at  
Work



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