Teen Mental Health Resources

Parents and teens want support, Cigna can help provide it.

In April 2022, The Economist Impact surveyed 1,100 U.S. parents of teenagers aged 13-17 to better understand the mental health impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. The results provide further evidence that the pandemic negatively impacted the emotional well-being of most teens, providing new insights as it looks through the lens of parents and caregivers. You can read the Economist Impact survey results here.

Here are some key findings of parents surveyed:

80%	reported some form of impact on the mental health of their teenage children, including new or increased levels of anxiety, depression, behavioral issues, and problems with social interactions
60%	experienced difficulty finding a trusted mental health care provider in a reasonable amount of time
65%	agreed that virtual care options have made mental health care more accessible
58%	felt there is a lack of resources and support from their child's school
40%	sought virtual mental health care for the first time during the pandemic

Ready-made resources to help make connections:

- <u>Wellness, Mental Health, and Behavioral Resources</u>: a range of resources from Cigna experts, community partners, and other trusted sources
- Cigna Resilience: find the right resources and support to maintaining and building resilience
- <u>Behavioral Health Awareness for Children & Families</u>: expert advice for anyone who wishes to learn more about childhood and adolescent behavioral disorders

Practice mindfulness using these Cigna resources:

- Live guided sessions are available twice a week, every week. Join us for a 30-minute session by telephone 844.621.3956:
 - Tuesdays: 4:00 PM Central Time Passcode: 965 38 022
 - Thursdays: 7:30 PM Central Time Passcode: 965 38 022
- Mindfulness podcasts (available on Cigna.com): Six free podcasts that teach simple methods for incorporating mindfulness, stress management and self-care into daily life. (Available in English and Spanish.)

