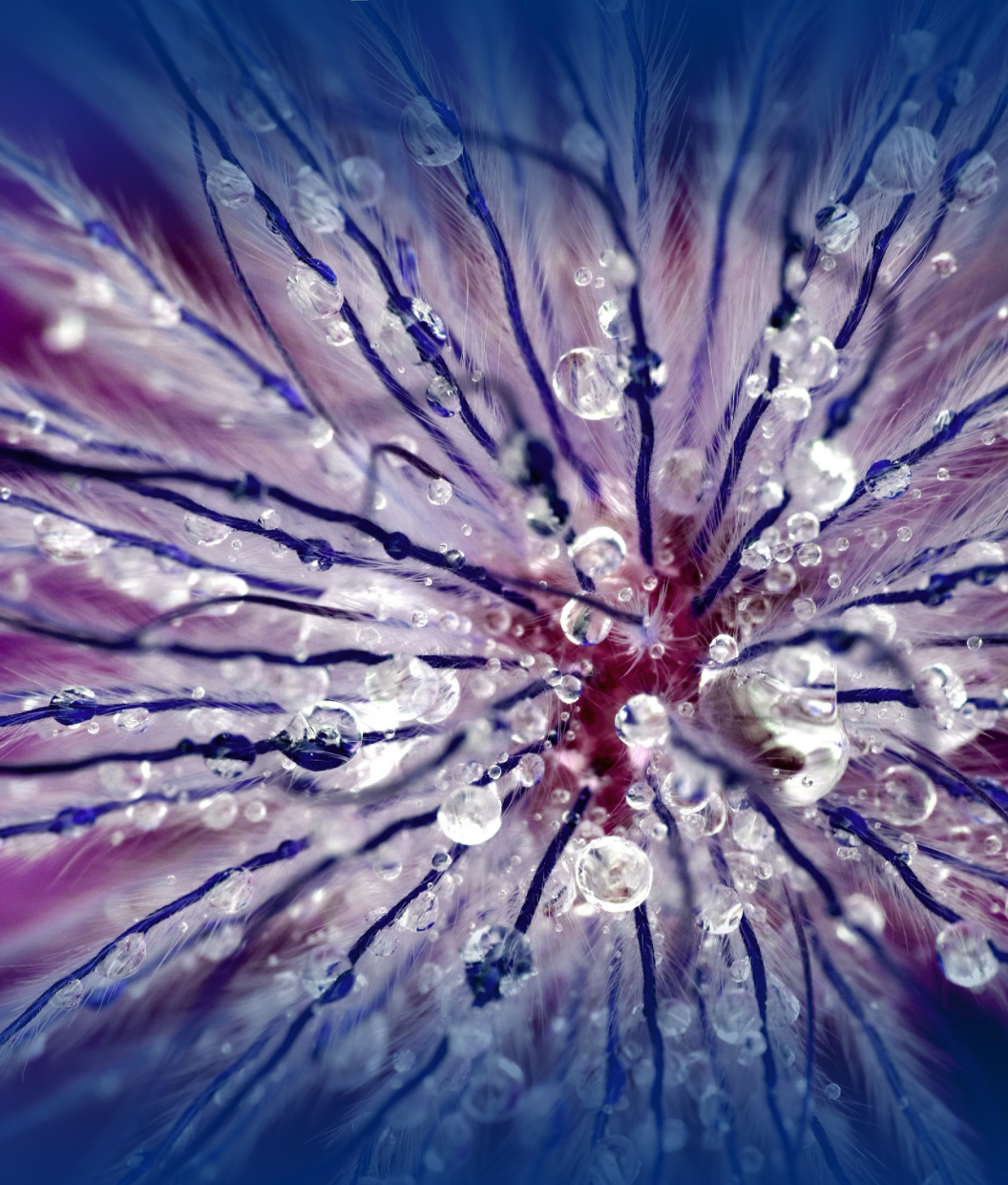


Teen Depression



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Teen Depression: More Than Just Moodiness

Being a teenager can be tough, but it shouldn't feel hopeless. If you have been feeling sad most of the time for a few weeks or longer and you're not able to concentrate or do the things you used to enjoy, talk to a trusted adult about depression.

Do I have depression?

- Do you often feel sad, anxious, worthless, or even “empty”?
- Have you lost interest in activities you used to enjoy?
- Do you get easily frustrated, irritable, or angry?
- Do you find yourself withdrawing from friends and family?
- Are your grades dropping?
- Have your eating or sleeping habits changed?
- Have you experienced any fatigue or memory loss?
- Have you thought about suicide or harming yourself?

Depression looks different for everyone. You might have many of the symptoms listed above or just a few.

How do I get help for depression?

You're not alone, and help is available. You can feel better. To get help:

- **Talk to a trusted adult** (such as your parent or guardian, teacher, or school counselor) about how you've been feeling.
- **Ask your doctor about options for professional help.** Depression can be treated with psychotherapy (also called "talk therapy"), medication, or a combination of medication and talk therapy.
- **Try to spend time with friends or family**, even if you don't feel like you want to.
- **Stay active and exercise**, even if it's just going for a walk. Physical activity releases chemicals, such as endorphins, in your brain that can help you feel better.
- **Try to keep a regular sleep schedule.**
- **Eat healthy foods.**

Finding Help

New York State Mental Health Program Directory

The Mental Health Program Directory provides information on all programs in New York State that are operated, licensed or funded by the State Office of Mental Health (OMH). This site includes three search options: Basic Search, Advanced Search, and Full Directory. Definitions for all programs are available under the Support tab, along with directory help and information on program data collection.

Find services close to you at: <https://my.omh.ny.gov/bi/pd/saw.dll?PortalPages#report>.

Mental Health Treatment Program Locator

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides this online resource for locating mental health treatment facilities and programs. The Mental Health Treatment Locator section of the Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator lists facilities providing mental health services to persons with mental illness.

Find a facility in your state at <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>.

For Immediate Help

If you are in crisis, experiencing emotional distress, or worried about someone you know:

- Call or text the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org/chat. You can also text the Crisis Text Line (GOT5 to 741741). These services are available 24/7 to anyone and are completely confidential.

If you are thinking about harming yourself or thinking about suicide:

- Tell someone who can help right away
- Call your licensed mental health professional if you are already working with one
- Call your doctor
- Go to the nearest hospital emergency department

If a loved one is considering suicide:

- Do not leave them alone
- Try to get your loved one to seek immediate help from a doctor or the nearest hospital emergency room, or call 988
- Remove access to firearms, medications or other potential tools for suicide

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Customer Relations
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Syracuse, NY 13210-2319
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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 454-8229

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998 Crooked Hill Road
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New York City Field Office
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