

Resources You Can Use on Your Own

Activities can include:

- Playing a game or sport or doing other physical activities
- Painting, drawing, or other artistic expression
- Volunteering to help others, such as at a shelter or animal rescue facility
- Practicing breathing exercises, meditation, yoga, or other mindfulness activities
- Singing or playing a musical instrument
- Participating in a support group
- Joining a group in your faith community
- Journaling (suggested book: *Writing to Heal: A Guided Journal for Recovering from Trauma and Emotional Upheaval* by J. W. Pennebaker)

Healing can happen so you can:

- Connect with others.
- Be in touch with your body (sometimes called “grounding”).
- Express emotions in a safe and healthy way.
- Work off stress physically.
- Be fully present in the moment.
- Feel joy.



Books

Buddha's Brain: The Practical Neuroscience of Happiness, Love, and Wisdom by Rick Hanson and Richard Mendius

The Deepest Well by Nadine Burke-Harris

Childhood Disrupted: How Your Biography Becomes Your Biology, and How You Can Heal by Donna Jackson Nakazawa



Mobile Apps

- **Mindfulness Coach:** Available at the App Store. Practicing mindfulness reduces stress, improves emotional well-being, increases self-awareness, and helps with anxiety, depression, and chronic pain.
- **iChill:** Available at the App Store and Google Play. This app teaches a set of skills to help you build resilience.
- **myStrength:** Available at kp.org/selfcareapps. Supports your overall well-being, and helps with depression, anxiety, pain, trauma, recovery, pregnancy, and early parenting. Available on your computer or phone.
- **Calm:** Available at kp.org/selfcareapps. Offers mindful meditations, sleep stories for better sleep, and support for overall well-being.
- **Ginger:** Available at kp.org/selfcareapps. Emotional well-being app that connects you with a behavioral health educator for one-on-one support via text.



Online

- **Free Guided Meditations:** Listen to guided meditations at kp.org/listen
- **“Just One Thing” Newsletter:** Sign up for Rick Hanson’s “Just One Thing” free weekly newsletters for more fulfilling relationships and peace of mind. Visit rickhanson.net/writings/just-one-thing/
- **ACEs Too High News Blog:** Find research about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), including the health consequences of toxic stress. Visit acestoohigh.com



Videos

- **Connected Parents, Connected Kids** by Futures Without Violence at www.pacesconnection.com/clip/connected-parents-and-kids (7 minutes)
- **How Childhood Trauma Affects Health Across a Lifetime** by Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris at www.pacesconnection.com/clip/ChildhoodTrauma (TED talk, 16 minutes)
- How to build skills to help you cope at www.pacesconnection.com/clip/building-skills

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