

Positive mental health doesn't just happen.
It's something we have to work toward.
It's something we have to care for
within ourselves and in others.

Think about yourself, the people you know, your community. Now reimagine what the world could look like if we all came together to support each other's mental health.

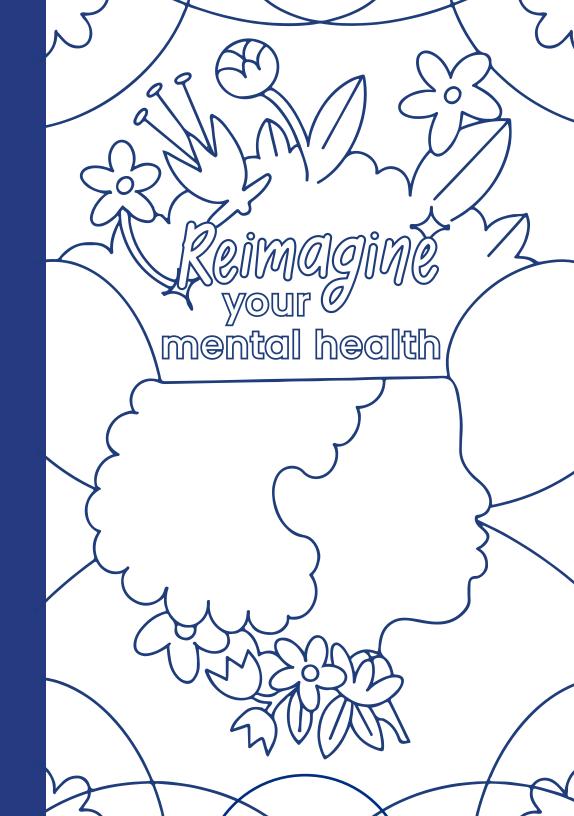
This mini-journal can help you get closer to that goal. It's got a variety of journal prompts, activities, and coloring pages centered around mental health that you can complete at your own pace and in any order.

Coloring and drawing have been proven to improve mental health — at any age — by helping to increase mindfulness and reduce stress. Expressing yourself and reflecting on your life experiences through journaling can also improve your well-being.

Plus, it's fun!

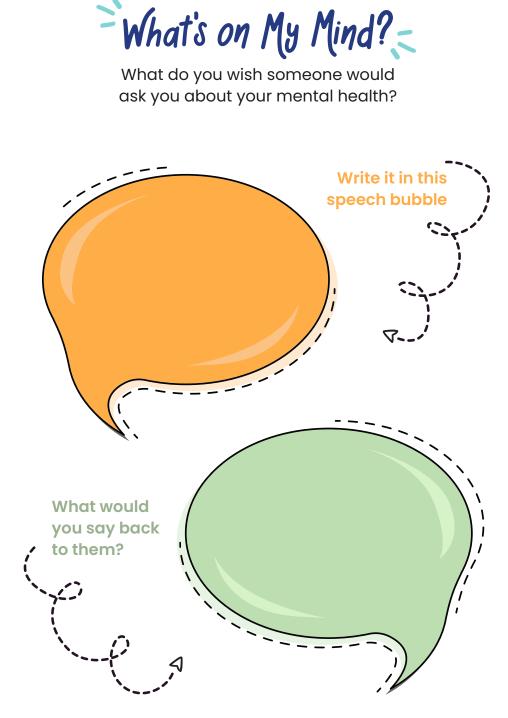
We hope you enjoy working through this mini-journal as you reimagine your mental health.

If you need some more help with improving your well-being, visit the *Take Action for Mental Health* website at **TakeAction4MH.org**. And check out even more resources in the back of this book.





Write about 5 good things that happened today.







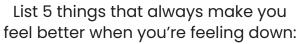








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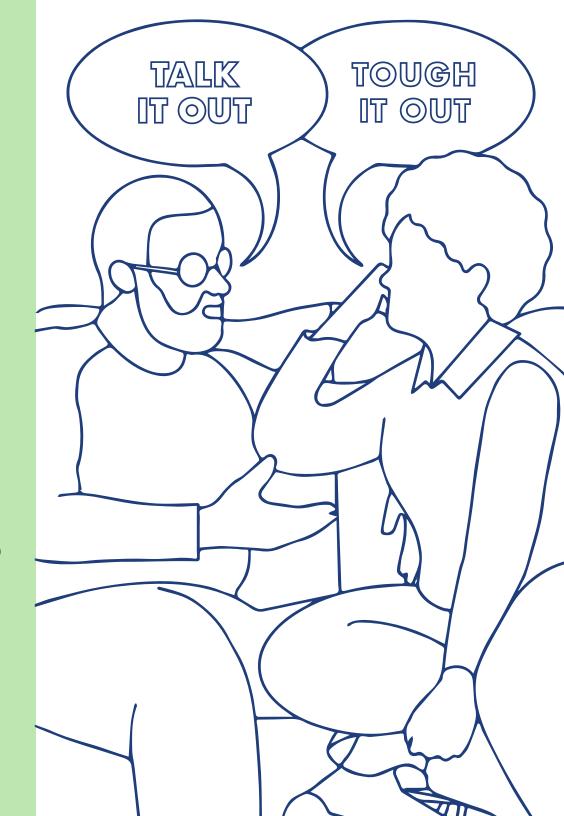
## Reimagining My Mental Health\_

Imagine feeling supported in all aspects of your life. And that you could fully take care of your mental health.

Describe what your life would look like:

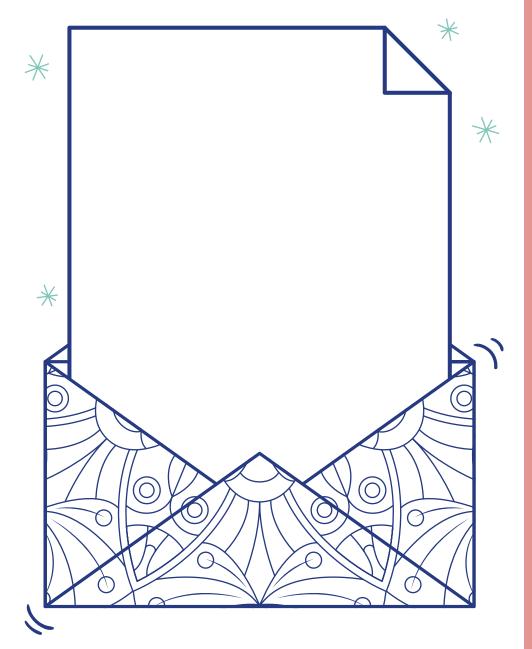
What is one thing you could do today to get your life closer to that vision?







Write a letter to your past self during a difficult time, offering words of comfort and advice.



## = That Time When =

Describe a recent situation where you felt proud of how you managed your mental health.



Draw a picture of yourself in a place where you feel safe and at ease.



List 3 qualities or strengths that help you successfully deal with challenges to your mental health.







Don't worry if you're not artistic — stick figures and basic shapes are fine.

All that matters is that <u>you</u> know what they represent!

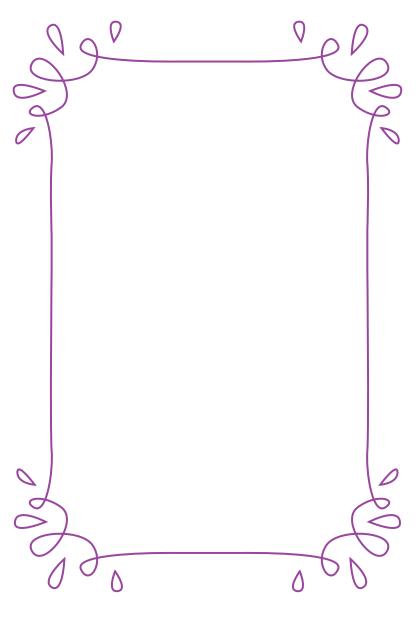






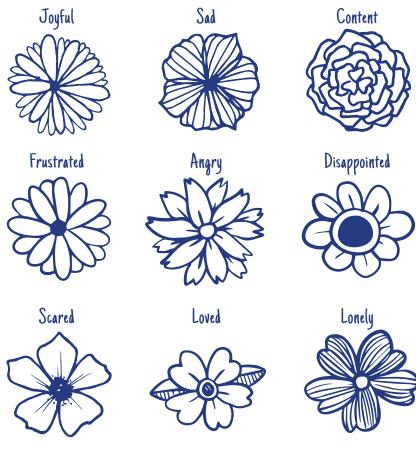
## "My Mental Health Mantra;

What is a mantra, affirmation, or phrase that helps you during difficult times?





Color in the flower that is closest to what you're feeling right now. Choose a color that expresses how this emotion feels to you.



**Didn't See an Emotion That Fits?**Color in the last flower and write how you're feeling below:



# My Super Supporter — Write about a friendship or relationship that positively influences your mental well-being.

What does that person do that makes a difference for you?

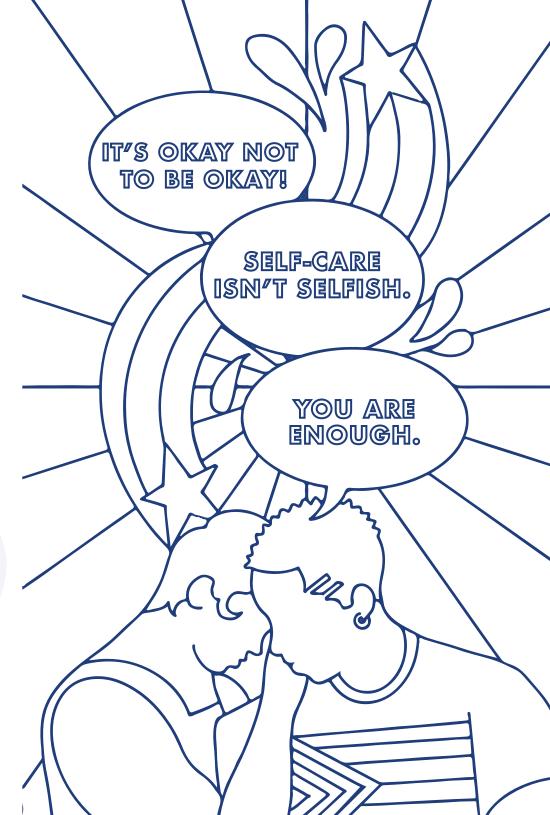
Is there someone who you could be that positive person for?

# Tune Into your 5 Senses

Pause and write down...



Whenever you feel anxious, use this method to ground yourself and come back to the present moment.





What do you wish other people understood about you and what you need for your mental health?

How do you feel about sharing this with them?

## = Gratitude Alphabet =

Think of one thing for each letter of the alphabet that you are thankful for in your life — big or small.





















































#### - My Self-Gare Go-To's =

Which of these pick-me-ups will you choose to relax and de-stress?

	Get Some Sunshine	Work in the Garden
	Listen to Music	Listen to Nature Sounds
	Take a Power Nap	Be Creative
	Meditate	Go for a Long Drive
	Use a Mindfulness App	Call a Friend
	Eat Some Dark Chocolate	Turn Off Your Phone Alerts
	Take a Walk In Nature	Play With Kids
	Write In a Journal	Color in a Coloring Book
	Join a Sports League	Cook Your Favorite Dish
	Play a Game	Drink a Cup of Tea
	Take a Warm Bath	Light a Candle
	Get Your Hair/Nails Done	Use Aromatherapy Scents
	Watch a Movie	Get a Massage
	Have a Dance Party	Make a "Grateful For" List
	Do Some Yoga Moves	Take Up an Extreme Sport
	Take a Screen Break	Buy Yourself Fresh Flowers
	Plan a Vacation	Order Dinner In
	Go to a Museum	Watch The Sunrise or Sunset

Taking Breaks For Self-Care Is Necessary For Your Mental Health

## **Free**Mental Health Resources

#### 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call or text 988

Chat at 988lifeline.org

The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988) offers 24/7 free and confidential assistance from trained counselors. Get support for yourself or learn how to help someone you're concerned about.

#### **CalHOPE Connect**

Chat at calhopeconnect.org or call (833) 317-HOPE (4673)

A 24/7 non-emergency resource for anyone in California seeking mental and emotional support from trained support professionals.

#### **Crisis Text Line**

Text HOME to 741741

Connect with a crisis counselor 24/7 to receive high-quality text-based mental health support and crisis intervention.

#### **Teen Line**

Call (800) 852-8336 (from 6 PM to 10 PM PT)
Text TEEN to 839863 (from 6 PM to 9 PM PT)

Offering anonymous support for teenagers by phone, text or email. No problem is too small, too large, or too shocking for the trained Teen Line volunteers.

#### The Trevor Lifeline

Call 866-488-7386

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual (LGBTQ+) young people ages 13–24.



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