

Connected Community Wellness Screen is an emotional wellness check-up offered right at school to 9th graders and other teens whose parents consent.



Stand Up Against Stigma in <u>Your School</u> with a May Mental Health Awareness Month Display

It's easy -- and it has an impact.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Will you consider marking the month in your school with a simple display? All you need is five chairs, one sheet of paper, some

tape, and p. 6 of this toolkit.

Your Display in Three Simple Steps

- (1) Set up **five chairs** in a high-traffic area of your school.
- (2) Print **p. 6 of this toolkit** in color and tape it to one of the chairs.
- (3) **Take a picture** of your display and post it to Facebook, #StandUpAgainstStigma.

Read the rest of **the toolkit** to learn more about what your school can do to Stand Up Against Stigma.

Then consider taking part in the <u>Fox Valley's Mental Health Awareness Month</u> <u>Kickoff</u> on May 2, where you'll see a large-scale Stand Up Against Stigma display.

Think you or someone you know might be depressed?

The N.E.W Mental Health Connection is sponsoring an **anonymous screening** for adults, which concludes with a list of local resources that offer help and hope -- including Samaritan Counseling Center.

How does Wellness Screen work?

First, **parents/guardians provide consent** for teens to participate in the check-up. Then the **teens themselves agree to participate** in the two-step screening process:

- 1. Teens complete a **10-minute computerized questionnaire** exploring vision, hearing and dental problems; symptoms of depression and anxiety; suicidal thinking and behavior; attention problems; disruptive behavior; and use of drugs and alcohol.
- 2. Teens meet with a member of the Wellness Screen staff to discuss their check-up. When a check-up indicates reason for concern, parents are notified and assisted in connecting with a community resource for further evaluation.

How can I refer a student for a check-up?

To request a check-up, please call **(920) 277-5096**.

For more information about Wellness Screen,

please call **(920) 277-5096**

or visit our website

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