

5 Tips for Supporting Mental Health

One in five people live with a mental illness. Supporting them fosters a healthy and safe space where everyone can thrive at work.

1. **Check In**

Simply asking, "How are you?" can go a long way.

2. **Listen Without Judgement**

Being present and empathetic shows that you value your colleagues' wellbeing.

3. **Be Mindful of Language**

Using respectful and inclusive language promotes a positive environment.

4. **Normalize the Conversation**

Mental health is just as important as physical health. Practice talking openly in a way that feels comfortable for you.

5. **Provide Resources**

Connect people to support.

NAMI-NYC Helpline: 212-684-3264 or helpline@naminyc.com

U.S. Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Dial 988

5 Tips for Encouraging Disability Inclusion

1. **Educate Yourself**

Deepen your understanding of disabilities. It is human nature to notice differences, but disability does not define us, it is one part of who we are.

2. **Be Mindful of Language**

Some people prefer person-first language ("I am a person with a disability"), others prefer identity-first language ("I am a disabled person"), and some don't have a preference at all.

3. **Offer Help**

Ask before helping. Doing so acknowledges and respects your colleagues' independence.

4. **Promote Accessibility**

Quick wins include providing captioned meetings, accessible documents, and descriptive text for images.

5. **Challenge Stereotypes**

Guide conversations that address and correct common myths about disabilities.