

# CHILD & YOUTH: SELF HELP AND SUPPORT GROUPS

### Association of Parent Support Groups in Ontario

**Services:** A self-help organization of parents of disruptive, or acting-out, youth ages 10 to 30.

Contact: 1-800-488-5666

www.apsgo.ca

# BeanBag Chat (16-29 years)

**Services:** Offers free, safe, and engaging peer support and provides online mental health tools

http://www.beanbagchat.ca/

## Big White Wall (16+)

**Services:** Free online mental health support network for those 16+ with mild to moderate mood and anxiety disorder symptoms. Individuals can anonymously seek help through others and also through 24/7 trained clinicians.

www.otn.ca/bigwhitewall

## Bounce Back (15+)

**Services:** Free skill-building program designed to help adults and youth 15+ manage symptoms of depression and anxiety.

https://bouncebackontario.ca/

## **CAMH Parenting Psychoed. Series**

**Services:** Free education and support groups for families of people facing a range of mental health issues.

Contact: (416) 535-8501, press 2

https://www.camh.ca/en/your care/programs-and-

services/family psychoeducation-series

### **Halton Families for Families**

**Services:** The initiative is uniquely led by families – adults and youth, which ensures their voices are valued, heard and woven into the fabric of all activities and events, to improve the quality of life for families. <a href="https://www.haltonfamiliesforfamilies.com">https://www.haltonfamiliesforfamilies.com</a>

### **Families for Addiction Recovery**

**Services:** Supports parents/caregivers of children struggling with addiction (regardless of age).

Contact: (855) 377-6677 www.farcanada.org

### Families for Families (FAME)

**Services:** Free monthly support groups across the GTA and Peel Region. These groups are for family members and caregivers who provide support to individuals experiencing a mental health concern. Groups are in a drop-in format.

Contact: 416-207-5032

http://www.fameforfamilies.com/

#### **Maudslev Parents**

**Services:** A volunteer organization of parents who have helped their children recover from eating disorders using an evidence-based, family-based treatment (FBT).

www.maudsleyparents.org

# Mind Your Mind (14-29 years)

**Services:** Provides interactive tools and resources for youth to promote wellness, reduce the stigma around mental health, and increase access to community

supports, both professional and peer-based. www.mindyourmind.ca

## **Mood Disorders Association of Ontario**

**Services:** Province-wide, free support programs for individuals, and their families, living with depression, anxiety or bipolar disorder.

Contact: 1-888-486-8236 www.mooddisorders.ca

# **NAMI Ontario**

**Services:** A free, 12-week course is offered through various service agencies in 11 regions

across the province.

Contact: (613) 737-7791

<a href="http://www.f2fontario.ca">http://www.f2fontario.ca</a>

# ONE-LINK Peer Mentor (16+)

**Services:** Connect with someone who has experience with mild to moderate mental health concerns.

Contact: <a href="mailto:askapeer@haltonhealthcare.com">askapeer@haltonhealthcare.com</a>
Referral: Self Referral or One-Link referral

indicating "Peer Mentor"

http://www.one-link.ca/peer support-2

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# Family Health Team

### Parents for Children's Mental Health

**Services:** Public education, support groups and peer-to-peer assistance for families of young

people with mental disorders. **Contact**: (416) 921-2109 x128

www.pcmh.ca

# WheretoStart (EveryMind)

**Services:** Peel Region's access point for free and confidential mental health services for children, youth and families. Offering child and family-based counselling, assessments, workshops and programing.

Contact: 905-451-4655 https://wheretostart.ca

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