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Animal Service 801-483-6024  
 Building Permits 801-483-6005  
 Business Licensing 801-483-6063  
 Code Enforcement 801-464-6712  
 Fire Administration 801-483-6043  
 Justice Court 801-483-6072  
 Police Admin 801-412-3606  
 Promise 801-483-6057  
 Public Works 801-483-6045  
 Recreation 801-412-3217  
 Utility Billing 801-483-6074  
 Emergencies 911  
 Police/Fire Dispatch 801-840-4000



**Mayor Cherie Wood**

## 2021 Moving Forward – This is the Year!

One year ago, I began my New Year's newsletter message in this exact way. Who would have anticipated the challenges ahead? One year later, I cannot help but reflect on the contrast of that hopefulness and reality that we know currently. Moving forward is our goal, I know that we can do hard things and do what is needed for the greater good in South Salt Lake. So, once again, "This is the year!"

2021 is to be a big year for South Salt Lake and I share this optimism for the many good things ahead.

In early December we sent out an "Our Next Move" General Plan postcard with an invitation to take an online survey. Our General Plan asks us to set goals for planning, economic development, and community improvements and then strategize how to reach them. Many goals from the 2009 General Plan are now on-the-ground realities, such as the new downtown and Creative Industries Zone, the S-Line streetcar, new high-

quality housing, and a thriving economy. We have arrived here with the support, enthusiasm, investment, and participation from many of you.

With this new General Plan, we are setting our sights on the future. Transparency is a must in building the community we want to be. Keeping you informed and having opportunities to be included in the ongoing conversations is key to our success. I am fortunate to work with professionals who can state the facts, give a balanced assessment of the pros and cons, and consider the needs of various stakeholders. We also work hard to share information—with the press, through social media, our website, in this newsletter, through personal contact, and public notices. The most important ingredient, still, is you. Be sure to speak up, listen and learn about the issues, and help shape the future.

As our city grows, change is always certain. Our priorities may shift, markets rise and fall, and there are always curveballs (ahem, 2020). My commitment is that I am always listening and I am your advocate. I believe that our city's future is ultimately tied to the success of every single person in it. In 2021, please join me in making a difference as we plan our next move.

Visit [SSLOurNextMove.org](https://SSLOurNextMove.org) to contribute your ideas.



# YOU DECIDE OUR NEXT MOVE!

To shape South Salt Lake's future visit:

# SSLOurNextMove.org

or call 801-214-0791  
for a mail-in survey



## SSL City Council Meetings

Meetings likely electronic only, visit [sslc.com](http://sslc.com) for info.

Wednesday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27, 7 p.m.

## SSL City Planning Commission Meetings

Thursday, January 7, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 21, 7 p.m.

NOTICE: All meetings are subject to postponement, cancellation or live stream only. Check [sslc.com](http://sslc.com) for updates.

## Holiday Closures

South Salt Lake City Offices will be closed New Year's Day Friday, Jan. 1, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18.



## Garbage and Recycling Pickup

There are no garbage delays in January.

Have your cans out on your typical pickup day by 7 a.m.

## Holiday Tree Curbside Pickup

Natural Christmas trees will be picked up and composted for FREE starting Monday, January 11 thru Thursday, January 14. Trees will be collected the same day as your usual garbage day.



## CITY COUNCIL CORNER

*"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal." —Henry Ford*

'Tis the month to set goals and look to the future. Personally, I'm hoping 2021 is a kinder, gentler year for us all. But as a community, it's time for South Salt Lake to set goals that will guide us into the future using a General Plan.

A General Plan is the framework to address important issues of land-use, development, transportation, housing, and open space over the next 20 years. It relies on community input to create a vision with goals that lead to an actionable plan.

Our last General Plan was completed in 2009 and I'm proud to say that through collaborative efforts with all stakeholders we've accomplished most of those goals. As we ring in the New Year, let's celebrate five big highlights.

1. To improve educational opportunities. When I started on the City Council in 2013, we had five afterschool community centers. Now we have fourteen! Promise SSL is a game-changer for our youth and their families.
2. Plan experiences that celebrate art, design, and diversity. With the SSL Arts Council came the Mural Fest which was a first in Utah, and then came CraftoberFest. Two of my favorite new traditions.

3. Improve our City's walkability and bike-ability. Trails were connected, bike lanes added to our streets, and zoning was modified to encourage safer and more walk and bike-friendly neighborhoods.

4. Expand public transit as a catalyst for redevelopment. When SSL partnered with other entities, including UTA, FTA and Salt Lake City to build the S-Line streetcar, housing and businesses naturally followed.

5. Increase the number of city residents and homeowners. New home developments like Riverfront and Granite, plus infill projects like Plymouth townhomes have allowed us to grow and welcome many new neighbors.

What's our next move? Much of 2020 was spent focusing on state and federal political issues, but your local government has more impact on your day to day life. I encourage you to get involved and start by taking the General Plan Survey.

Be sure to share your perspective and help us shape our future at: [SSLOurNextMove.org](http://SSLOurNextMove.org) —or— To request a mail-in survey: 801-214-0791

*Note: Opinions expressed here may not be representative of all Members of the City Council.*

## South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Full agendas, minutes, handouts and video recorded meetings available at: [sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting](http://sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting)

Date	Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Next Step
11/18/20	Appointments by the Mayor	Appointments of Clarissa Williams, Maryanna Southey and Laura Vernon to the Planning Commission	Approved	No Further Action
11/18/20	Meeting Schedule Discussion	City Code 2.08.050 – Change the required meetings of the City Council from two to one per month. Aligns with State Code	Moved to Unfinished Business for December 2	Further Discussion
12/2/20	Citizen Review Board Discussion	Further Discussion by the Council regarding the creation of a Citizen Review Board in South Salt Lake	Moved to Unfinished Business at a future Council meeting TBD	Further Discussion
12/2/20	Meeting Schedule Discussion	An Ordinance amending section 2.08.050 of the South Salt Lake City Code to Conform City Ordinance with State Law	Approved	No Further Action
12/2/20	Annual City Council Meeting Schedule	Annual 2021 City Council Meeting Schedule discussion	Moved to Unfinished Business for December 9	Further Discussion
12/2/20	Bike Appropriation Resolution	A Resolution granting permission for the South Salt Lake Police Dept. to appropriate certain property in its possession to public interest use	Moved to Unfinished Business for December 9	Further Discussion
12/2/20	Naming of City Park Resolution	A Resolution naming a City Park for Ida and Laurie Bickley	Moved to Unfinished Business for December 9	Further Discussion

## Removing Snow and Ice Can Prevent Slips and Falls

While our Public Works Department is hard at work keeping the streets clear of snow and ice, here are a few things you can do to help out and prevent injury from potential slips and falls.

The owners of businesses and residences are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their building, as well as parking lots. Snow should be removed the same day it falls, or by 10 a.m. the next day if snow falls into the late evening. A sprinkle of rock salt along sidewalks or on places that tend to ice over is a good idea as well.

When shoveling your drive or walk, shovel the snow away from the road and onto your property. Clear the area by the road on the left side of your driveway, as this creates a good spot for plows to unload their snow.



For more info about City road maintenance topics, visit the website: [sslc.com](http://sslc.com)

## To Serve and Protect

In 2020 we learned to navigate through the COVID-19 guidelines and orders to stay safe and adapt as first responders. Amidst this, the South Salt Lake Police Department continued our hard work on significant felony cases. Many have inquired, here is the most up to date information on three 2020 cases.

On June 8, 2020 SSLPD responded to 600 West and 3300 South (Golf the Round) on a reported vandalism. It was determined a female suspect, Brittney Mae Miloshevsky (29), who was located at the scene had driven her vehicle through a fence and into the pond with her sleeping toddler secured in a car seat. Rescue efforts by officers recovered the toddler. The toddler was transported to Primary Children's Hospital in critical condition and later died. The suspect was booked into jail and is being charged with Child Abuse Homicide (F1), DUI (MA). Miloshevsky had her last court proceeding on December 18, 2020.

On September 2, 2020 SSLPD responded to 2880 South 200 East #2, on a report of a stabbing. The suspect, Edward Jay Kennedy, made spontaneous statements claiming to have stabbed the victim. Officers began life-saving measures. Medical responded to the scene and took over medical care, but later pronounced the victim deceased. The suspect was arrested and booked into jail on Murder (F1) and Possession of a Weapon by a Restricted Person (F3). Kennedy had his last scheduled court proceeding on December 28, 2020.

On September 27, 2020 the SSLPD responded to 300 West Ironwood Drive on a deceased, badly beaten, and partially clothed female located in a parking lot. Investigation led to the arrest of suspect, Jovanie Silva on Aggravated Murder (F1). Silva has his next court proceeding on January 25, 2021.

Of note, real police and detective work is time consuming, and nothing like an hour long, then "case closed" TV episode. All our officers are trained in basic investigation and interview techniques to elicit pertinent information related to a case. The first officer on scene is to arrive safely, ensure scene safety, arrange for medical assistance, apprehend any suspects, secure the crime scene and call for additional resources as needed.

In homicide investigations, crime scene investigators and detectives are called out to the scene due to the nature of the crime and their respective different duties and responsibilities. Detectives assess and manage the scene, document the scene, canvass the area, and notify the next of kin. Once the officers have probable cause to support criminal charges, a suspect is arrested. The investigative process is comprehensive and requires meticulous care to document and collect all evidence. Criminal proceedings can take several months and in some cases, years.

The officers of the SSLPD work tirelessly and are dedicated to upholding the highest level of professional standards while serving the community. I can attest that we are committed to enforcement of laws to protect life and property, while also respecting individual rights. I commend the hard work of officers in these particular cases and the many others handled each day.



**Police Chief  
Jack Carruth**



## Happy and Safe 2021

It has been a year since the first COVID case was reported in the United States on January 21, 2020. Not only have we faced the pandemic, but we also witnessed a 5.7 earthquake and hurricane-force winds. South Salt Lake has demonstrated how resilient we are. We have been able to recover quite quickly from these events. However, the COVID-19 virus is still with us as we continue to navigate through cold and flu season.

Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis. Flu and COVID-19 share many characteristics, but there are some key differences between the two. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, please distance yourself from others and seek a COVID test.



During these cold months, we will be spending more time indoors, so I would like to share some winter fire safety tips with you.

### WINTERIZE YOUR HOME:

- Install weather stripping
- Replace/Install insulation
- Check windows
- Insulate water lines along exterior walls
- Clean out gutters
- Repair roof leaks

Did you know that house fires occur more in winter than in any other season? Heating equipment is involved in 1 out of 7 reported house fires and half of all heating-related fires that occur in winter. When using any portable heating equipment, keep anything that can burn at least 3-feet from any heat source such as fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters. Install carbon monoxide detectors and test them monthly, and only plug one heating appliance into an electrical outlet. Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance. If an extension cord is needed, have an electrician install additional outlets where you need them. Additionally, have your heating system professionally serviced to make sure it's clean and working properly.

Above all, be ready to check on family and neighbors who could be at risk for cold-weather hazards; and have a wonderful, safe January and a Happy New Year.



**Fire Chief  
Terry Addison**



## Emergency Pack Checklist for Kids

Have your children create their own bug-out emergency personal backpack. Have them include things like their favorite book or stuffed animal. These familiar things will help keep them comfortable during a time away from home due to an emergency.

Change of clothes

Non-perishable food items

Blanket

Books

Favorite toy

Paper, pencils and crayons

## Join us for a Citywide Neighborhood Watch Zoom Meeting

January 7, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Visit [sslc.com](https://sslc.com) for link

## Join us for a Mens' Homeless Resource Center Neighborhood Meeting Via Zoom

January 20, 2021 3:30 p.m.

Visit [sslc.com](https://sslc.com) for link



The South Salt Lake Police Athletic and Activities League (PAL) in partnership with Salt Lake Institute of Culinary Education (SLICE), donates several meals a week to families in need. If you are interested in nominating a family to receive one of these professionally prepared meals, call Officer Chase Hermansen at 801-412-3642.





## WHAT IS THE PLANNING COMMISSION?



The South Salt Lake Planning Commission is a locally appointed municipal committee that makes recommendations to the City Council regarding any changes to the South Salt Lake General Plan, small area plans, zoning ordinances and proposed developments. They offer insights and advice that impacts the current and future success of development in South Salt Lake.

Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor to serve four year terms and given advice and consent from the City Council. The commission consists of seven commissioners and two alternates. Planning Commission members represent each of the seven SSL Council Districts.

If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, please contact Alexandra White for more information at [awhite@sslc.com](mailto:awhite@sslc.com).

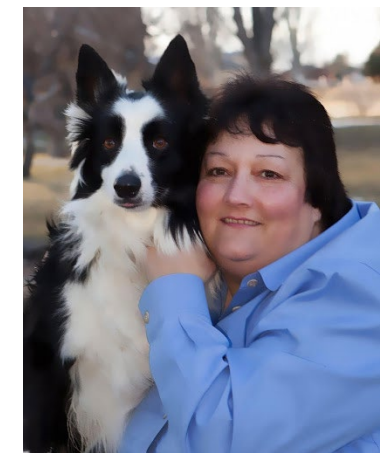
### 2021 Planning Commission Schedule

The Planning Commission holds regular meetings on the FIRST and THIRD THURSDAY of each month, unless otherwise noted. For January 2021, meetings will be held on Thursday, January 7 and 21, meeting agendas and information is available on the city website at [sslc.com/city-government/planning-commission-meetings](http://sslc.com/city-government/planning-commission-meetings).

### Welcome New and Re-Appointed Planning Commissioners!!

#### Clarissa Williams

Clarissa Williams was appointed by Mayor Wood and confirmed by the City Council on November 18, 2020 to serve on the Planning Commission as an alternate. Commissioner Williams represents District 5.



#### Liz Gabbitas

Liz Gabbitas was appointed by Mayor Wood and confirmed by the City Council on December 9, 2020 to serve on the Planning Commission as an alternate. Commissioner Gabbitas represents District 3.

#### Mary Anna Southey

Mary Anna Southey was originally appointed in February 2019 as a Planning Commission alternate. On November 18, 2020, Commissioner Southey was appointed by Mayor Wood and confirmed by the City Council to serve as a regular Planning Commissioner. Commissioner Southey represents District 4.

#### Laura Vernon

Laura Vernon has served on the Planning Commission for four years and has served as the Chair of the Planning Commission for the last two. On November 18, 2020, Chair Vernon was re-appointed by Mayor Wood and confirmed by the City Council to serve as a regular Planning Commissioner. Chair Vernon represents District 4.

### Farewell and Thank You for Your Service!

#### Susan Dickstein

We wish to thank Susan Dickstein who served on the Planning Commission for four years. Her dedication as a member is much appreciated. Susan is a long time resident and is actively involved in many community groups. Through her professional career as a realtor, Susan also advocates for good development in South Salt Lake.

## New Park to Visit on Warmer Winter Days

Sunny winter days are the perfect time to visit a park. Bickley Park has something for everyone and activities to keep you warm and social. Bring your own ping pong paddles/balls or cornhole bean bags and challenge a friend to a game. Warm up with a soccer ball or futsal ball on the sport court (sorry, pickleballers, the net is down for the winter). Play a little tune on the musical equipment. Or, tackle the playground—there is something for every age and ability. Ida and Laurie Bickley Park is just north of the Columbus Senior Center building at 2530 South 500 East.

If the weather warrants, to keep fit mentally and physically and have a blast. We encourage you to go visit one of our many other city parks, strut your mutt over to the Lions Park dog run (361 E. Robert Ave), download the MURAL FEST map ([themuralfest.com](http://themuralfest.com)) and go at it, or stroll down to the Jordan River trail. Just remember that we have many wonderful things that we can do safely and are very close to home.





# Community Happenings

## FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER



### NEW YEAR. NEW FINANCIAL GOALS. WE CAN HELP.

The FEC offers FREE, 1-on-1 financial coaching sessions to South Salt Lake residents. Sessions are confidential and virtual.



- Reduce your debt
- Improve your credit
- Create a budget
- Build your savings \$\$



DEBT

LOWER YOUR DEBT



CREDIT SCORE

IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT



SAVINGS

INCREASE YOUR SAVINGS

NOW BOOKING FREE, VIRTUAL FINANCIAL COACHING SESSIONS

**801-483-6057**



## Hey Fido! It's "Walk and Train Your Pet" Month

January means it is national "Walk and Train Your Pet" month. When it comes to getting the dog outside for a walk, things can get tricky if Fido is not properly trained. Animal experts encourage walking your dog daily and use of proper training tools. Remember that all pets should be on a leash when walking, which includes all city parks and open spaces. If your dog likes to drag you, then getting the proper training and walking tools is a must. Items like a no-pull harness and gentle leaders are going to be your best friend.

Introduce these new tools to your pet slowly and with a lot of positive reinforcement (treats and "good dog" responses). Start slowly by taking your pup on a leash around the house and work your way out into the world. These tools are designed to make dogs concentrate on the walk and not on the world around them. If their minds are on the walk they will tire more quickly and be more likely to be content at home—a tired dog is a good dog. For those of you who have cats that you want to allow outdoors, we encourage training with a cat harness and walking with the cat. If the cat is absolutely not ok with a harness a "catio" (fenced in patio for cats) is a good alternative to allow a cat outside time.

Spending quality time with our pets outside after months of home meetings and home school is a great way to start the New Year and keep any fitness resolutions. Happy New Year—Best for you and your pets in 2021!

—South Salt Lake Animal Services



## HELPFUL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

United Way 2-1-1: By simply dialing 2-1-1, callers are connected to community resources such as assistance with paying rent and utilities, food, or mental health and medical services.

Rent Relief: Utah Community Action: Applicants can call 801-359-2444 to find out if they're eligible.

Need help with food?  
Rent or mortgage?  
Anxiety or depression?

Call 211, text your zip code to 898-211, or download the 211 Utah app



## Interfaith Holiday Virtual Concert

Without being able to assemble in-person, in December members of our community sent personal musical performances for a celebratory compilation video of, "Auld Lang Syne." And you better not put it off if you missed it, because you can watch and enjoy this performance at your leisure at SSLC.com.



To pre-register visit:

SSLC.com and select Youth Sports Registration

We are currently assessing access to gym space and the ability to safely run a basketball program this winter. The format will most likely include small skills clinics, with the possibility of games.

## Creative Arts for Life in January

Art classes for seniors and adults

### More Zentangle!

on ZOOM with Linda Rios, CZT



Zentangle Method, a fun, mindful art form that almost anyone can do. Using a pen and paper tile, even non-artists can create beautiful art. In 4 weeks, learn the Zentangle Method and create several pieces.



Likely, you will enjoy increased focus, creativity, self-confidence and a sense of well-being. There are no mistakes in Zentangle, no expected outcome, no top or bottom. And no experience needed!

Each student will receive their own Zentangle kit to keep!

**Wednesdays 6:30 -8:30 P.M. January 6, 13, 20 & 27**

Once you sign up you will receive instructions on picking up your Zentangle kit. We will send you the link each week to join us!

SPACE IS LIMITED so register now!

Register at [sslarts.org/creativeartsforlife](https://sslarts.org/creativeartsforlife)

Creative Arts for Life classes are free to SSL residents and \$40 for all others.



Visit [sslarts.org](https://sslarts.org) for more info







South Salt Lake has 14 neighborhood centers serving our community.

**Hser Ner Moo Community Center**  
2531 South 400 East (Columbus)  
801-828-7245

**Olene Walker Elementary**  
3751 South 900 West  
801-828-8219

**Historic Scott School Center**  
3280 South 540 East  
801-803-3632

**Lincoln Community School**  
450 East 3700 South  
801-657-0416

**Utah International School**  
350 East Baird Circle  
801-520-7175

**Central Park / PAL Center**  
2797 South 200 East  
801-386-4949

**Columbus Center**  
2531 South 400 East  
801-412-3217

**Commonwealth Youth Center**  
3280 South 540 East  
801-803-3632

**Woodrow Wilson School**  
2567 South Main Street  
801-386-0589

**Granite Park Jr. High**  
3031 South 200 East  
801-440-4499

**Meadowbrook Center (at SLCC)**  
250 West 3900 South  
801-828-8219

**Cottonwood High Promise**  
5715 South 1300 East  
385-630-9748

**Kearns Saint Ann Promise**  
430 East 2100 South  
385-630-9754

**Moss Elementary**  
4399 South 500 East  
385-258-6360

## Promise SSL Adds the Clubhouse-to-Careers C2C Program



SSL teenagers have been back in the Best Buy Teen Tech Center (BBTTC) this past fall with a new vigor for educational and creative activities. Some favorite activities at the Teen Tech Center have included sewing and painting! They've also enjoyed learning to code, graphic design software, and other offered entrepreneurship activities.

In addition, the Teen Tech Center recently added the Clubhouse-to-Careers (C2C) Pathways program. This program is specifically dedicated to helping youth prepare for desired career paths (such as business, computer science, medical, graphic design, public service). In 2021, and based upon their career preference, many participating teens are focusing and seeking paid business internships in our community during the summer months.

The C2C program is made up of 12 youth who are between 16-21 years old and have qualified for the internship program by spending the time to learn the technical and professional skills that they will need in the workplace. This Spring they will be working on a pre-internship project to further prepare for potential summer internships.

We ask our community and local business owners on behalf of our C2C students to help them land an internship and help start their career. If you are aware of any paid internship opportunities or are interested in developing one, please reach out to Tate Grimshaw at 385-377-4891 or email, [tgrimshaw@sslc.com](mailto:tgrimshaw@sslc.com).

We are proud to share with you the energy, hard work and dedication displayed by the youth at the Best Buy Teen Tech Center, and look forward to a fantastic year ahead for each of them.

### SEEKING BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUNG COMMUNITY MEMBERS

ARTISTS

INTEGRATE MODERN TECH PRACTICES AND FRESH PERSPECTIVES INTO YOUR WORKPLACE!

WEB DESIGNERS

YOUTH LEADERS

PROMISE SOUTH SALT LAKE IS ACTIVELY PREPARING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO INTERN WITH YOU SUMMER 2021

ENGINEERS

MARKETERS

Interested? Contact Tate Grimshaw - [tgrimshaw@sslc.com](mailto:tgrimshaw@sslc.com) for details.

...AND MORE!

## You are NOT ALONE

Millions of people are affected by mental illness each year. Across the country, many people just like you work, perform, create, compete, laugh, love and inspire every day.



1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness

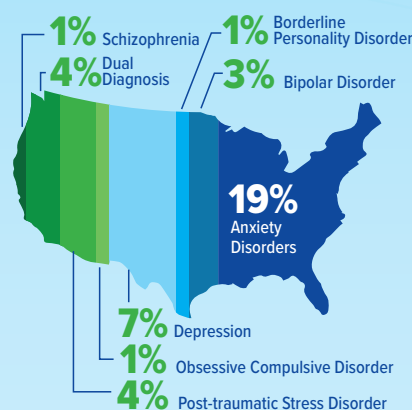
**1 in 25**

1 in 25 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness

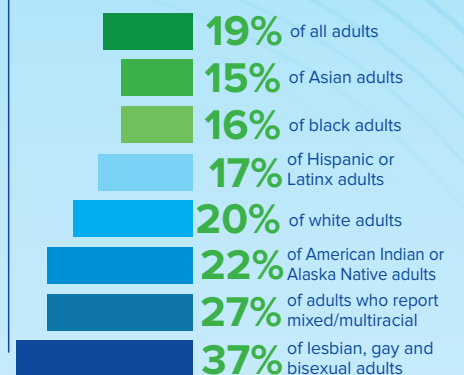
**17%**

of youth (6-17 years) experience a mental health disorder

### 12 MONTH PREVALENCE OF COMMON MENTAL ILLNESSES (ALL U.S. ADULTS)



### 12 MONTH PREVALENCE OF ANY MENTAL ILLNESS (ALL U.S. ADULTS)



### WAYS TO REACH OUT AND GET HELP



Talk with a health care professional



Call the NAMI HelpLine at 800-950-NAMI (6264)



Connect with friends and family



Join a support group

Data from CDC, NIMH and other select sources. Find citations for this resource at [nami.org/mhstats](http://nami.org/mhstats)

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