8 DIMENSIONS OF WELLNESS

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WHAT IS WELLNESS?

Wellness has a very broad meaning; here it is about how we live our lives and the joy and fulfillment and health we experience.

WELLNESS CAN INCLUDE:

- Physical and mental health
- Happiness
- Balance between work and play
- Safe and clean living environment
- Healthy relationships
- Having a daily routine

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."
-Mahatma Gandhi

Emotional

The ability to express feelings, adjust to emotional challenges, cope with life stressors, and enjoy life.

<u>Try to:</u>

- keep a positive attitude
- be mindful of your feelings and others
- learn how to cope with stress
- have realistic views of your strengths and
 - weaknesses

Never feel afraid to reach out for help

Emotional

Questions to ask yourself:

- Do I allow myself to be open about my feelings?
- Do I have safe relationships where I feel comfortable expressing my thoughts and feelings?
- Am I maintaining a daily routine?
- Do I leave myself enough time to get to work and other obligations?
- Do I have ways of coping with stress that works for my lifestyle?
- Do I welcome positive thoughts and emotions?

Financial

Satisfaction with your current financial situation and future prospects

<u>Try to:</u>

- Be creative about budgeting and spending
- Find someone with financial expertise that can help you out

Come up with ways to help you save money for your future

Financial

Every little effort counts

<u>Questions to ask yourself</u>:

- Are my savings in line with my life goals?
- Do I have a weekly/monthly budget?
- Does my current job allow me to meet my obligations and do things I enjoy?
- Do I have a savings account?
- Have I started saving for retirement?

Social



Having healthy relationships with friends, family, and the community, and having an interest in and concern for the needs of others **Try to:**

- Join a support group
 - Make contact with one person each day
 - Keep track of when you need to catch up with a friend or family member

Belonging to something can help you feel connected

Social

<u>Questions to ask yourself:</u>

- Do I keep in touch with family and friends?
- Am I open to meeting new people?
- Do I set aside time for meeting new people or visiting new places?
- Do I know of any support groups in my

area?

Spiritual

Recognizing your search for meaning and purpose in life and developing an appreciation for life

Try to:

- define what values and beliefs are important to you
- be a helping hand to others
- find others with similar spiritual goals/values/beliefs
- learn about different groups offered within your community and get involved

We all have meaning and purpose in life

Spiritual

Questions to ask yourself:

- Do I take the time to determine what values, principles, and beliefs are important to me?
- Have I learned about other religions and beliefs?
- Do I reach out and help others when they are in need?
- Do I take the time each day to meditate or reflect on my spirituality?
- Am I open to exploring different belief

systems?

Occupational

Balance between work and leisure that produces personal satisfaction

Try to:

- Take the time to think of what you enjoy most and research careers/jobs in that area
- Schedule time for activities you enjoy
- Talk to your employer/coworkers about how they like to communicate

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 Ask for help if your workload becomes overwhelming Take time to connect with your coworkers

Occupational

<u>Questions to ask yourself:</u>

- Am I involved in a career or volunteer work that fits my values?
- Do I have an open line of communication with my employer and coworkers?
- Do I schedule time for leisure?
- Am I in a career that I look forward to and gives me a sense of accomplishment?

Physical

A healthy body. Good physical habits. Nutrition, exercise, and health care

<u>Try to:</u>

- Join a local gym/fitness club
- Look up free resources like YouTube for workout videos
- Discuss preventative health care with your doctor or dentist
- Check out your local farmers market for good, affordable food

Learn to listen to your body

Physical

Questions to ask yourself:

- Am I getting 7-8 hours of sleep a night when possible?
- Am I storing my medications properly and reviewing expiration dates?
- Do I visit my dentist and doctor for routine care and monitoring?
- Am I getting regular physical activity whenever I can?
- Do I have access to fresh, healthy food?

Intellectual

Doing things that keep our brains active and our intellect expanding ry to:

- Look at different perspectives of issues and take them into consideration
- Learn about current events
- Be friends with people who can stimulate your mind
- Get a local library card to gain access to books and other readings
- See if there are any skills training classes near you

There is value in lifelong learning

Intellectual

Questions to ask yourself:

- What would I like to learn more about?
- Do I keep my mind sharp by playing brain games, mind teasers, or memoryenhancing games?
- Do I enjoy taking part in discussions, intellectual conversations, or debates?
- Am I up-to-date on current affairs locally, nationally, and internationally?

Environmental

Being able to be safe and feel safe. Includes access to clean air, food, and water and occupying pleasant environments that support our well-being

<u>Try to:</u>

- Figure out what outdoor activities that make you feel good
- Make a schedule to clean up your home or living space
- Get recycling bins for your home
- Appreciate nature
- Eliminate excessive waste

Environment has an affect on well-being

Environmental

<u>Questions to ask yourself:</u>

- Do I limit the power and water I use at home?
- Am I spending as much time outdoors as possible?
- Do I organize my workspace from time to time?
- Is my living space filled with styles and textures I enjoy?
- Do I buy recycled products?