# Let's talk about mental health Supporting people with mental health conditions



For someone with a mental health condition, support can make a big difference.

But if you are the support person, it can take a toll and it's important to look out for yourself too.

## Tips to support you!

#### Remain hopeful

- Support the person throughout their journey.
- Embrace the small wins like when the person you support attends a Doctor's appointment or sees a friend.

### Don't be too hard on yourself

- Don't feel like you aren't doing enough to support.
- Refocus your 'self-talk' with positive thoughts.
- Remind yourself you're doing the best you can.

### Take time for you

- Plan and take breaks, even if it's just for a few hours.
- Continue your hobbies, maintain a life of your own and look after yourself.
- Get enough sleep and maintain your routine.

#### Know when to reach out

- Recognise when you need extra support.
- Monitor your thoughts and feelings.
- Notice if you have more frequent headaches, tightness in your muscles, lack of sleep and/or poor concentration.

Support: EAP; Your Doctor; A trusted friend or family member; Your Supervisor, Manager or site Health Specialist; Support group



How do you look out for a colleague, friend, or family member when they need support?

