

# Erste Hilfe für die Seele

# About pro mente Austria

- Umbrella organization with 26 member organizations employing more than 5.500 professionals
- Member organisations provide care work and services for people with mental health issues
- Focus on advocacy work with the goal of improving the services including high-quality medical, psychological, social and economic aspects with individual, person-oriented care



### Activities

- Exchange of experiences, coordination and joint activities of the member organisations
- Cooperation with national and international organisations from the psychosocial spectrum
- Influencing relevant laws and regulations on provincial and federal level
- Discussing and working out new standards on the topics of work, education, honorary participation, finances, general management, public relations work and quality standards
- National education programs
- Common public relations work providing information about psychological illness and the antidiscrimination of the psychiatric issues.



#### Services:

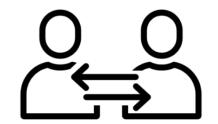
















### Mental Health First Aid

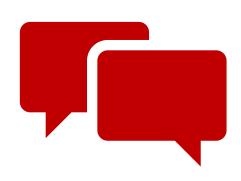
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A national wide prevention program



# What Is Mental Health First Aid?



"The help provided to a person developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves."



### Mental Health First Aid



- Evidence and science-based program from Australia
- Implemented in more than 35 countries worldwide
- pro mente Austria is exclusive licensee in Austria
- more than 9,000 first aiders trained since program started at the end of 2020



# Mental Health First Aid – Courses and Workshops



- 12h Seminar Mental Health First Aid Adults
  - Adults Learn How to Support Other Adults
- 14h Seminar Mental Health First Aid Youth
  - Adults learn how to support adolescents
- 4h Workshop for Executives
- 5h Workshop Mental Health First Aid Teens
  - 15-18 year old teenagers learn to support each other





#### MHFA Course Content



- Mental Health First Aid Action Plan
- Depression
- Anxiety problems
- Psychosis
- Substance use problems





# What Do Mental Health First Aiders in the Workplace Do?



A Mental Health First Aider...

Provides mental health first aid within their worksite as needed, at their level of competence and training.

 Escalate any matters if required in a prompt and appropriate fashion according to their relevant organisational policy and procedures.

It is the responsibility of the MHFA to:

- Maintain their Mental Health First Aider accreditation
- · Complete available refresher training as directed/required.



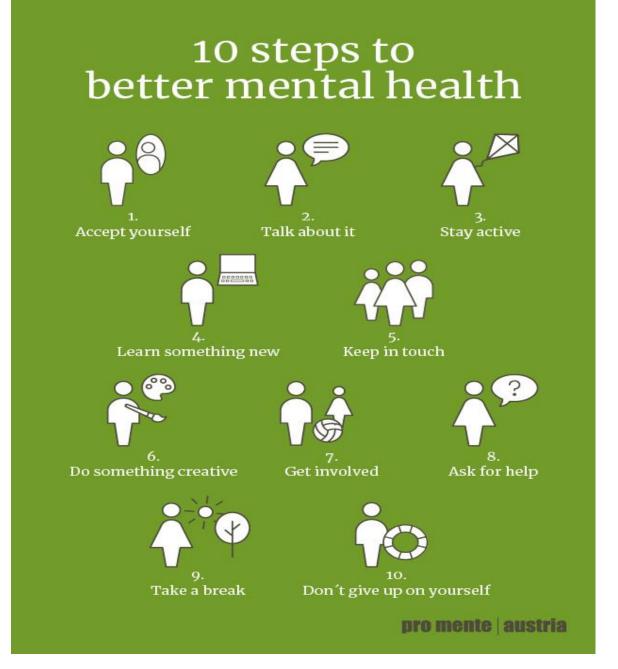
### First Aid in 5 Steps













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