Look inside to learn how to **RECOGNIZE** what distress looks like, **REACT** in a healthy way, and know what **RESOURCES** are available.
RECOGNIZE

Look at the **indicators of distress below** and consider clusters, frequency, duration, and severity — not just symptoms. When indicators are neglected, these feelings can easily lead to ineffective coping and other serious consequences. You may feel alone, isolated, and even hopeless when faced with life's current challenges and may need encouragement, a listening ear, kindness, advocates to help you communicate your needs, and privacy. If you feel distressed, the following indicators may help you recognize the signs.

### SAFETY RISK INDICATORS

- Unprovoked anger or hostility
- Making direct or indirect threats of harm to self or others
- Stalking or harassing
- Threatening emails, phone calls, or other forms of correspondence
- Thinking of suicide or death
- Physical violence, fighting, shoving, grabbing, assault, use of a weapon
- Feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, isolation, revenge, despair, violence, and/or suicidal ideation

### PSYCHOSOCIAL INDICATORS

- Unusual or disproportional emotional response to events
- Excessive tearfulness, panic reactions, irritability or apathy, hostility, and/or impulsiveness
- Self-disclosure of personal issues like financial difficulties, family or relationship problems, contemplating suicide, and losses
- Expressions of concern shared by peers
- Verbal aggression (e.g., taunts, badgers, or intimidates others)
- Delusions and paranoia
- Alcohol and drug abuse; substance abuse at the workplace; frequently calling out sick; poor work performance

### VICTIMIZATION INDICATORS

- Uncomfortable working with a particular individual or groups on projects
- Expresses fear of another individual
- Visible bruises on face or body
- Sudden change in demeanor
- Overt reaction to topics of physical or sexual abuse
- Communication implies or indicates that there may have been sexual assault, stalking, hazing, bullying, a hate crime, or any other form of physical violence
REACT

Anyone can get upset or distressed, and this document will help you identify the most helpful things to do to ensure a satisfactory and supportive outcome. All situations are different, and this is only a guide.

Follow the chart below to determine what to do when faced with distress

Is immediate assistance needed for any reason?

**NO**
I have no concern for the immediate safety for myself or others, but there are significant personal issues and some support or additional resources are needed.

See the next page of this guide to learn about helpful resources.

**YES**
The individual’s conduct is clearly and imminently reckless, disorderly, dangerous, or threatening and is suggestive of harm to self or others.

Call 911. Inform your supervisor if the individual is a co-worker.

**NOT SURE**
I’m feeling distress, but I’m not sure how serious it is.

Call the EAP at 667-214-1555 or dial 211 any time.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

- Don’t dismiss your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors
- Identify safety and self-care strategies
- Document/journal about all incidents and attempts to resolve the situation
- Don’t assume that the situation will resolve itself on its own
- Talking to someone about feelings of suicide or death may help you to feel understood and give you helpful strategies
- Consult with a trusted person
- Think about who is in your support system who could help. There are people and resources available to you.

https://screening.mhanational.org/screening-tools/
RESOURCES

FREE AFTER-HOURS CRISIS SUPPORT
(insurance and co-pays may apply)

Police - 911
2-1-1 Maryland - dial 211
Maryland Crisis Hotline - 800-422-0009
National Suicide Prevention Hotline - 800-273-8255
Sheppard Pratt Crisis Walk-in Clinic - 410-938-5302
Baltimore City Crisis Response - 410-433-5175
Baltimore County Crisis Response - 410-931-2214
UMMS Psychiatric ER - 410-328-1219
TurnAround Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence
   24-Hour Hotline - 443-279-0379
House of Ruth - 410-889-7884
MD Coalition Against Sexual Assault - 800-983-7273
RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline - 800-656-4673
Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Hospitals:
   Baltimore City - Mercy Medical Center - 410-333-9499
   Baltimore County - GBMC - 410-849-3323
UM Immediate Care - 667-214-1800

OTHER RESOURCES

Employee Assistance Program (for employees and their families) - 667-214-1555
Trevor Lifeline (LGBTQ) - 866-488-7386
Maryland Gambling Helpline - 800-426-2537
Substance Use Treatment - 410-433-5175
Veterans Crisis Line - 800-273-8255 (Press 1)
Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System - 800-463-6295, ext. 7324
Off-Campus MSBA Lawyer Assistance Program - 410-685-7878
UMB Guidance Resources (caregiving, financial, and legal services) - 855-410-7628
Consumer Credit Counseling Services Maryland (CCCSMD) - 800-642-2227

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Employee Assistance Program (Employees and their families) - 667-214-1555
Campus Police - 711 or 410-706-3333 or 410-706-6882 for a Non-Emergency Consultation
Ombudsman - 410-706-8534

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EAP

Is the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) confidential? Will my supervisor or co-workers find out I’ve talked to the EAP?
The EAP is completely confidential.

Who is eligible to use the EAP?
The EAP is available to all faculty, staff, and their family members.

How many EAP visits can I get?
Each covered individual is eligible for up to six free visits to the EAP.

What happens if I use all of my EAP visits?
The EAP will refer the patient to a provider who is covered under the employee’s health plan.

Do I have to go to an office to visit the EAP?
No. The EAP has telehealth appointments available. All you need to do is call them at 667-214-1555.