



Beyond COVID-19 Series  
Webinar 3

# Supporting Mental Health During and Beyond COVID-19

December 2, 2020



# Agenda



Housekeeping	Lisa Hong, NICHQ
Welcome	Olivia Giordano, NICHQ
Supporting Mental Health During and Beyond COVID-19	Wendy Davis, Postpartum Support International Jana Glass, Supportive Solutions Inc.
Q&A	All
Closing	Nikki Maffei, NICHQ



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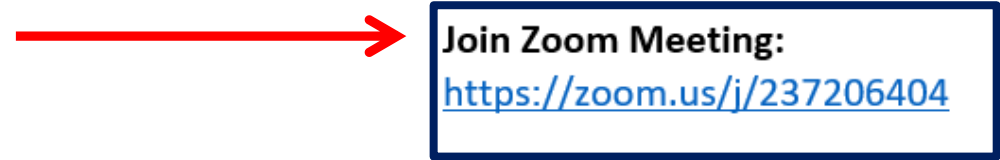


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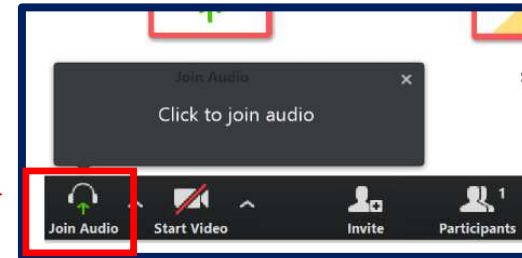
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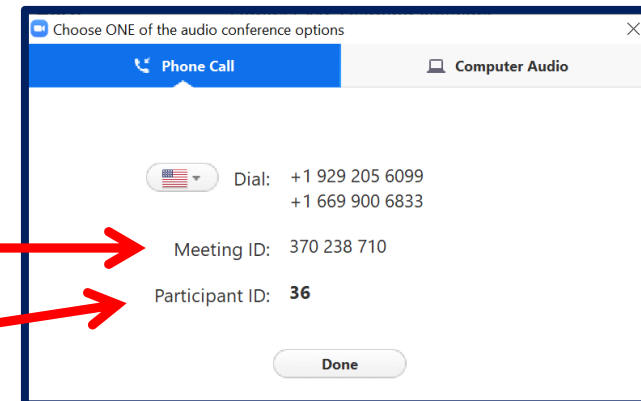
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- From the audio conference box: Select to **"Phone Call"** or **"Computer Audio"**

- If using the phone:

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- You will be prompted to enter the **"Meeting ID"**
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# Ways to Participate: Chat



A screenshot of a Zoom meeting interface. The top left shows the meeting title 'Healthy Start Webinar' and host 'HS TA &amp; Support Center'. The bottom toolbar contains icons for 'Join Audio', 'Start Video', 'Invite', 'Participants', 'Share', 'Chat', 'Record', and 'Leave Meeting'. The 'Chat' icon is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this box to a 'Zoom Group Chat' sidebar on the right. Another red box highlights the 'Chat' button in the toolbar with the text 'At the bottom of the Zoom window, you will see a 'Chat' button'. A third red box highlights the chat input area with the text 'Chat here to everyone!'. A fourth red box highlights the chat sidebar with the text 'After you click the 'Chat' button, a sidebar will appear where you can chat to all participants'. The chat sidebar shows a dropdown menu set to 'Everyone' and a text input field labeled 'Type message here...'. There are also icons for 'File' and a three-dot menu.

# Welcome

Olivia Giordano

Healthy Start  
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# Goal

- The goal of this webinar series is to **strengthen and enhance grantees' capacity to meet their clients' needs** (and consequently, the Healthy Start benchmarks) via virtual platforms in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic



# Webinar Series Schedule



Introduction to the Beyond COVID-19 Webinar Series	October 7, 2020
A Deep Dive into Providing Teleservices for Healthy Start	November 4, 2020
Supporting Mental Health During and Beyond COVID-19	December 2, 2020
Quick Tests of Change for Healthy Start	January 6, 2021
Reconnecting & Reengaging Healthy Start Clients	February 3, 2021



A woman with dark, curly hair is shown in profile, looking towards the left. She is holding a baby who is looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus green and white bokeh, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees and flowers.

**We are**  
**#HealthyStartStrong**

**Do you have a success story about staying connected with existing clients or building relationships with new clients virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic?**

**Email your story to [healthystart@nichq.org](mailto:healthystart@nichq.org)!**



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# December Webinar

- Managing depression and anxiety during pandemic
- Self-Care Strategies
- Supporting clients
- Supporting staff
- Resources



# Resourcing Exercise



# *Assessing and Addressing Mental Health*



**SUPPORTIVE  
SOLUTIONS**



## Mood or Mood Disorder?

- Severity
- Timing
- Duration
- History
- Functionality





## Signs and Symptoms

- Listen for cues and clues
- Sadness, crying
- Apathy, flatness
- Anger, irritability
- Anxiety, obsessive thoughts
- Mood cycles -- signs of bipolar mood disorder



## Assessment Tool : MAPS

- **M**oods: Intensity, Duration, Volatility
- **A**ppetite
- **P**hysical (Pain)
- **S**leep
- **S**upport System
- **S**afety



## Reducing Shame and Increasing Empowerment

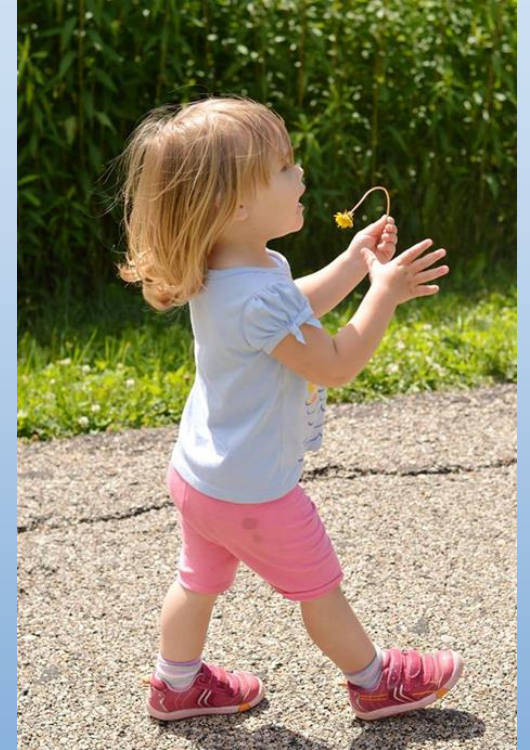
- How do we reassure the person suffering when they are afraid to disclose that they need help?
- How can we help them when they don't know what's wrong?
- Our challenge is to reduce shame and normalize the need for support
- Addressing shame and fear is key to recovery



# Self-Care + Wellness Strategies

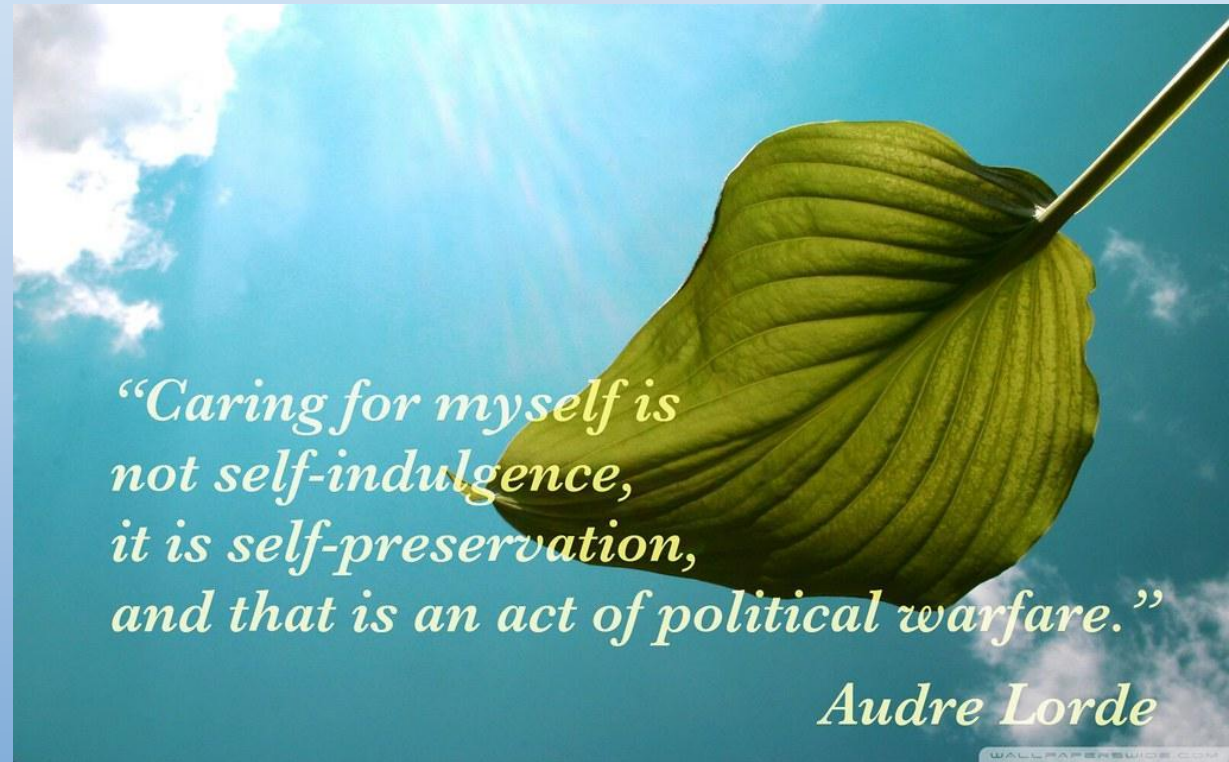


- Supportive relationships
- Connection
- Healthy nutrition
- Physical activity
- Sleep/rest
- Take breaks
- Positive coping strategies
- Stress-reduction techniques
- Reach out for help (practical and supportive)



## *What about Care Providers?*

- **When our job is to provide care to others -- *do we forget our own needs?***



## *Caring for Yourself*

- Self-Awareness
- Stressors/Traummas/Triggers
- What is *my role now* vs. What do they need?
- Who else can provide help?
- Where is your support?
- Where can you access information?
- Using supervision
- Seeking help



# *New Support Groups: Dec - May*

- Online Groups start December 12
  - **Staff:** Wednesdays at 3pm Eastern
  - **Managers:** Mondays at 2pm Eastern
- Led by PSI group facilitators:
  - Jabina Coleman and Birdie Meyer
  - Randiesa Spires and Jana Glass



# *Discussion: Supporting Staff Mental Health*

- West Central Indiana Healthy Start
- Healthy Birth Initiatives in Portland
- Baltimore Healthy Start
  
- Other sites?
  - What's working at your site?
  - What are the challenges?





# Self Care for Providers

- Be Mindful of your capacity and do not exceed it
- Make sleep a top priority
- Continuously replenish what you are using
- Incorporate Ritual
- Take breaks, it does not have to all be done at once
- Move to release stress held in the body
- Go slowly with intention
- Balance action with self care
- Your own therapy with a culturally competent therapist



\*Self Care for Tough Times content from  
Seerut K Chawla



# Self Care for Providers

- What helps you feel more calm, balanced, and re-energized to continue to do this supportive work?
- When do you create time to do these activities?
- How do you remain consistent with this practice?



Q & A

Discussion



# Closing

Nikki Maffei  
Healthy Start TA & Support  
Center

## Next Webinar

- **Quick Tests of Change for Healthy Start** – Wednesday, January 6 from 12-1:30 p.m. EST
- In the meantime, post questions and share your experiences providing virtual services on the Healthy Start CoLab





Thank You!