

The **Cumberland County Stigma-Free Campaign** is a county-wide initiative that aims to prevent and eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness by helping to make conversations about mental health part of everyday discussions and to encourage individuals and families who are affected by a mental illness to seek assistance without the fear of being negatively judged.

Artwork will be judged on creative representation of what it means to be stigma – free or what being "Proud to be Stigma – free" looks like.

Each submission enters your name for a chance to win a \$50.00 visa gift card and a chance to have your art included in The Cumberland County, "Be Stigma Free," Calendar

> Contest is sponsored by Cumberland County Department of Human Services Mental Health & Additions Board

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Coping with Stress

It is normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared or angry during a crisis. Talking to people you trust can help. Contact your friends and family.

Maintain a healthy lifestyle - including proper diet, sleep, exercise and social contacts with loved ones and friends.

Don't use smoking, alcohol or other drugs to deal with your emotions. If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counselor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.

If you or a friend or family member has a mental illness, seek the type of help that is best for you/them. Stigma associated with mental illness hurts everyone. We should all do our share to be stigma-free.

Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.

Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous life's adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during any challenging time of your life.

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