



Recovery



Plan

WRAP Wellness Recovery Action Plan

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WRAP is a self-designed plan that anyone can use to get well, stay well, and live the life they want to live. WRAP can help you to feel better and increase personal responsibility for improving your quality of life.

The first part of WRAP is developing a personal Wellness Toolbox. This is a list of resources you can use to develop your WRAP. It includes things like contacting friends and supporters, peer counseling, focusing exercises, relaxation and stress reduction exercises, journaling, creative, fun and affirming activity, exercise, diet, light, and getting a good night's sleep.

Section 1 of WRAP is the <u>Daily Maintenance Plan</u>. It includes three parts: 1.) a description of yourself when you are well, 2.) those Wellness Tools you know you must use every day to maintain your wellness, and 3.) a list of things you might need on any day.

Section 2 is identifying those events or <u>Triggers</u> that, if they happened, might make you feel worse--like an argument with a friend or getting a big bill. Then, using Wellness Tools, you develop an action plan you can use to get through this difficult time.

Section 3 is identifying <u>Early Warning Sign</u>s, those subtle signs that let you know you are beginning to feel worse, like being unable to sleep or feelings of nervousness. Then, again, using your Wellness Toolbox, developing an action plan for responding to these signs you feel better quickly and prevent a possible difficult time.

Section 4 is <u>When Things are Breaking Down</u>. In this section, you list those signs that let you know you are feeling much worse, like you are feeling very sad all the time or are hearing voices. And again, using your Wellness Toolbox, develop a powerful action plan that you that will help you feel better as quickly as possible and prevent an even more difficult time.

Review your plans every day, noting how you feel and doing what you need to do to help yourself get better or to keep yourself well. As you become familiar with your plan, you will find that the review process takes less time and that you will know how to respond without even referring to the book. People who are using these plans regularly and updating them as necessary are finding that they have fewer difficult times, and that when they do have a hard time it is not as bad as it used to be, and it doesn't last as long.

The WRAP approach empowers you to take control of your own health and wellness. Since its development, the system has been shared with thousands of people through the books—<u>Wellness</u> <u>Recovery Action Plan</u> and <u>Winning Against Relapse</u>, the <u>Winning Against Relapse</u> audio tape, the <u>Creating Wellness</u> video series, numerous support groups, workshops and seminars, and through the <u>www.mentalhealthrecovery.com</u> web site.

5 Key Recovery Concepts

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Taking Personal Responsibility

Education

Self-Advocacy

Support Network

My Personal Rights

Things to Remember Every Day

Copy the following personal rights on a piece of paper. Fold it up and carry it in your pocket or purse. Take it out and read it whenever you have a few moments to spare.

- I have the right to be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect at all times.
- I have the right to make my own decisions about the course of my life.
- I have the right to have goals and to work toward making these goals come true.
- I have the right to feel good about myself.
- I have the right to choose my friends, whom I will spend time with, and whom I will trust.
- I have the right to make mistakes.
- I have the right to change my mind.
- I have the right to be happy.
- I have the right to ask for what I want.
- I have the right to follow my own values and standards.
- I have the right to express all of my feelings, both comfortable and uncomfortable.
- I have the right to say no.
- I have the right to determine my own priorities.
- I have the right not to be responsible for others' behavior, actions, feelings, or problems.
- I have the right to my own needs for personal space and time.
- I have the right to be in a non-abusive environment.
- I have the right to change and grow.
- I have the right to have my needs and wants respected by others.
- I have the right to be uniquely myself.

MY WRAP TOOLBOX

List any tools you have learned, either from IOP or from your own life experience. List things that you would like to try, even if you have not already. Keep adding news ones and/or crossing out ones you decide are not right for you. Keep this list in a prominent place so you can refer to it often.

Write in the space below:

WRAP TOOLBOX OF IDEAS TO HELP KEEP YOU WELL

- 1. Talk to a friend
- 2. Talk to a therapist or psychiatrist
- 3. Relaxation exercises
- 4. Meditation
- 5. Guided Imagery
- 6. Journal/Write
- 7. Positive Affirmations
- 8. Make a gratitude list
- 9. Exercise
- 10. Eat a healthy meal
- 11. Take time off (from home and work responsibilities)
- 12. Drink a glass of water
- 13. Take medications
- 14. Do a routine task
- 15. Call a helpline
- 16. Surround yourself with someone positive, affirming, loving
- 17. Wear something that makes you feel good
- 18. Look at uplifting pictures
- 19. Make a list of your accomplishments

- 20. Spend 10 minutes writing good things down about yourself
- 21. Do something that makes you laugh
- 22. Do something special for someone else
- 23. Practice Mindfulness: focus on and appreciate the moment
- 24. Take a warm bath or shower
- 25. Listen to music
- 26. Get a massage
- 27. Spend time with a friend
- 28. Play with my children
- 29. Play with my pets
- 30. Do some housework
- 31. Buy groceries
- 32. Do the laundry
- 33. Have some personal time
- 34. Plan something fun
- 35. Write a letter/send an e-mail or text
- 36. Send a card (birthday, thank you)
- 37. Get outdoors garden, fish, walk!
- 38. Go to a support group or join a club
- 39. Doodle, draw or paint

- 40. Watch a favorite TV show
- 41. Go see a movie
- 42. Do a crossword puzzle
- 43. Paint your nails
- 44. Clean something
- 45. Knit, crochet or sew
- 46. Read a good book
- 47. Aromatherapy (light a candle, use lotion, essential oils)
- 48. Bake cookies
- 49. Alphabetize CDs/DVDs/Books
- 50. Rip paper into itty bitty pieces
- 51. Play a sport
- 52. Hug a friend or family member
- 53. Hug a pillow or stuffed animal
- 54. Dance
- 55. Make hot chocolate, milkshake or smoothie
- 56. Play with clay or Play-dough
- 57. Go for a drive
- 58. Draw on yourself with a marker
- 59. Try a new hobby
- 60. Look up recipes and cook a meal
- 61. Create or build something
- 62. Pray/access your spirituality
- 63. Jump on a trampoline
- 64. Ride a bicycle/motorcycle
- 65. Feed the ducks or birds
- 66. Color
- 67. Read or write a poem
- 68. Stretch
- 69. Window shop
- 70. Make a playlist of your favorite songs
- 71. Plan an event
- 72. Plant some seeds
- 73. Try to make as many words out of your full name as possible
- 74. Give yourself a facial
- 75. Start collecting something
- 76. Play a video or computer game (limit time)
- 77. Clean up trash at your local park

- 78. Perform a random act of kindness
- 79. Text or call an old friend
- 80. Write yourself an "I love you because ..." letter
- 81. Rearrange furniture
- 82. Write a letter to someone that you may never send/give
- 83. Smile at 5 people
- 84. Put a puzzle together
- 85. Clean and organize your room/closet/garage
- 86. Yoga/Pilates
- 87. Teach your pet a new trick
- 88. Learn a new language
- 89. Make a list of goals for the next week, month and year
- 90. Work on my car
- 91. Go on a date
- 92. Sit in the sun
- 93. Repair something
- 94. Water plants
- 95. Go swimming
- 96. Fly a kite
- 97. Learn to play an instrument
- 98. Join a club or social group
- 99. Arrange flowers
- 100. Arts and Crafts
- 101. Make a gift for someone
- 102. Join a book club
- 103. Go hiking/sightseeing
- 104. Read the newspaper
- 105. Go to a play or concert
- 106. Watch a comedy show
- 107. Make a To Do List
- 108. Take pictures
- 109. Lift weights
- 110. Go on a picnic
- 111. Put on your favorite outfit
- 112. Go to a sporting event
- 113. Go to a park or zoo
- 114. Sit in an outdoor café
- 115. Say "I love you" to someone

- 116. Go to a sauna
- 117. Check out a garage sale
- 118. Play cards/board games
- 119. Get a haircut
- 120. Volunteer

- 121. Go to the library
- 122. Water plants
- 123. Listen to nature sounds
- 124. Watch a funny Tik Tok/You Tube
- 125. Read cartoons/comic strips

Personal Health Inventory

Wellness Recovery Action Plan

Describe what I am like when I am well

AND/OR

what I would want to be like well:

How do I feel? (Describe feeling words):

How do I <u>look</u>? (Dress, grooming, etc

How do I take <u>care</u> of myself? (Sleep, eating, hygiene, exercise, relaxation, pampering):

How do I <u>function</u> at home/work/school? (Responsibilities/commitments, attendance, organization, etc

How do I <u>interact</u> with others? (Socializing and social activities):

How do I <u>engage</u> in life? ("Bigger picture" goals, aspirations, etc

What do I do that I <u>enjoy</u> and find meaning in? (Hobbies, interests, talents, spirituality):

Daily Maintenance Plan Wellness Recovery Action Plan

This is what I need to do for myself **every day** to keep myself feeling as well as possible: **write in the space below:**

This is what I need to do **regularly** to keep my overall wellness and sense of well-being: *write in the space below:*

Things that I need to **avoid** (*people, places, situations, triggers, habits, ways of thinking*) to stay well: **write in the space below:**

Wellness Recovery Action Plan

TRIGGERS/STRESSORS (External events that make me feel unwell)	ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS IT (Tools, Skills, Supports, Etc)
Example: I don't feel like doing anything	Opposite Action
	Planned Pleasant Activity
Example: I'm being self-critical	Positive Affirmations
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Example: My manager scolded me	Belly Breathing
	Urge Surfing
Example: I am having intrusive memories of	TIP
my trauma	Grounding with the 5 Senses

EARLY WARNING SIGNS	ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS IT
(Internal, subtle signs I am feeling worse)	(Tools, Skills, Supports, Etc)
Example: I'm isolating	Contact a support person
	Schedule a planned pleasant activity
Example: My sleep is getting worse	Sleep 101 Skills
	Talk to my doctor
Example: I am skipping meals	Meal Prep
	Accountability partner
Example: I stopped exercising	Start where you are at and build momentum
	Set a SMART goal for physical activity

Wellness Recovery Action Plan

When Things Are Breaking Down:

How do I know if I am in crisis?

Who do I need to call?

Where do I need to go?

What do I need to do?