The Building Blocks to Wellness

Many aspects of life play into overall well-being. The Employee & Family Resources Wellness Pyramid shows the different wellness needs that have to be met in order to reach optimal well-being. Though each dimension is separate in the pyramid, it is important to keep in mind that all dimensions are interrelated.

**EMOTIONAL**

Your emotional needs play a large role and are a foundation for total well-being. To achieve emotional wellness it is important to recognize and understand your emotions. When you are able to understand why you are feeling a certain way you have more control of your reactions. This helps you learn and grow in decision making.

**SPIRITUAL / PHYSICAL / SOCIAL**

Spirituality is your personal set of beliefs and values that help you find meaning and purpose.

Though spiritual wellness can be based on a religious view it may also be based on values, ethics, and morals that you use as guidelines to live by.

Physical wellness is the dimension most often discussed when talking about wellness. Being active and eating nutrient rich foods is often what people associate with a healthy lifestyle. It is important to keep in mind that physical health is only one dimension, and when there is too much emphasis on any one dimension, other areas of well-being fall short.

**INTELLECTUAL / OCCUPATIONAL**

Intellectual wellness promotes learning, which encourages mindfulness and increased self-awareness. Learning can be both formal and informal and helps keep your mind sharp.

Occupational wellness relates to job opportunities and enrichment leading to occupational enjoyment and satisfaction. The connection between intellectual and occupational wellness is based on learning and growing.

**FINANCIAL / ENVIRONMENTAL**

Money is one of life's biggest stressors and can greatly impact all other dimensions of wellness. Learning how to manage financial expenses successfully will increase your ability to handle unexpected financial stressors in the future.

Environmental wellness is living in and creating a healthy environment which respects natural resources and other species resulting in a more balanced life. It also includes being aware of and connected to your surroundings for optimal safety.

All of these dimensions, when at their healthiest state, create an optimal level of health and a higher quality of life. Increased wellness in one dimension often directly impacts the other. To learn more about the dimensions of wellness and ways to improve, click here.
Click [here](https://www.efr.org/myeap) to download the February Monthly Motivator

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**WELLNESS**

*Fit February*

Who said you could only set fitness goals on January 1st? Keep on keepin’ on by completing the Fit February challenges!

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**EFR Announces the release of a new Podcast!**

The Emotion Well podcast will cover a variety of topics related to emotional well-being. Episode 1 features Susie Roberts, the Nutrition Services Director for Community Health Partners, a community-based organization focused on achieving outstanding results for patients, clients, families, and communities. In this episode, Susie answers the many questions floating around regarding those choices, diet fads, and explains the difference between eating disorders and disordered eating. Listen to the Emotion Well Podcast [here](https://www.efr.org/myeap) or find our podcast in Apple Podcast and Google Play in the coming weeks!

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