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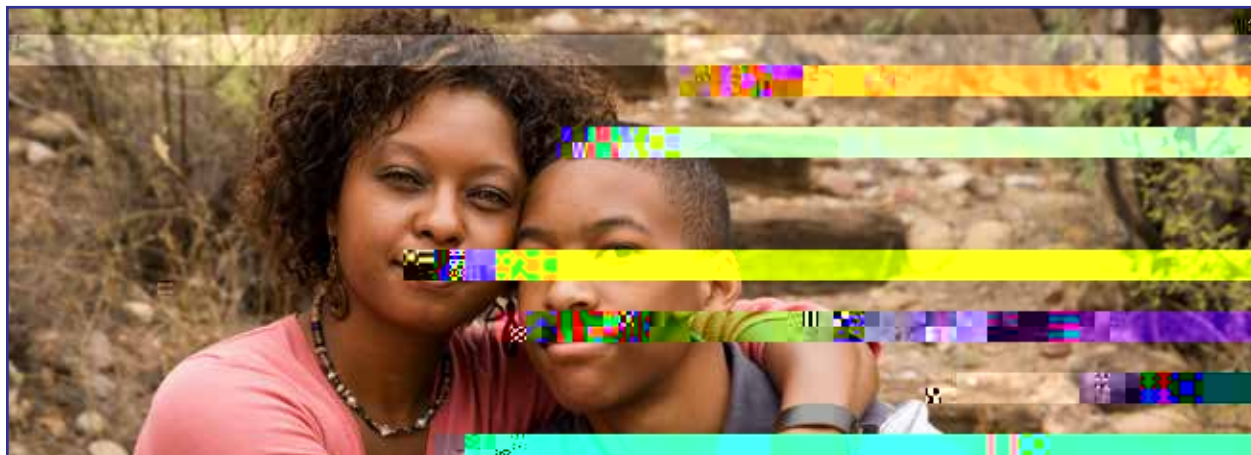
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Supporting and strengthening family support

Service providers have important roles in strengthening the support families provide to

- Encouraging families to provide needed
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Encouraging families to provide needed support to young people with mental health issues. This can be done by providing information, resources, and emotional support to families. Service providers can also help families understand their own roles and the roles of other family members. Encouraging families to provide needed support to young people with mental health issues is an important part of a comprehensive treatment plan.



Connecting youth with community supports

You can seek clues about goals and areas of possible sources of community support

- art or music.
- employment with colleagues and supervisors who have some understanding of mental health issues.

As well as feeling needed and forming connections with others in the community. Community supports can include family, friends, neighbors, and community organizations. These supports can provide emotional support, practical assistance, and a sense of belonging. Encouraging youth to seek out and connect with community supports is an important part of a comprehensive treatment plan.

- with others who have experienced mental health challenges and their families, friends, and community members.

“The Speak Up and Empower group helped me to come out of my shell, grow as a person, and give back to the community.”

– [young adult]

Faith-based support

What do you know about the spirituality of young people you work with and/or their families?

- Prayer and spirituality may be coping strategies that can sustain some young people with mental health challenges through adversity and toward recovery.
- Service providers can facilitate access of faith leaders to culturally appropriate resources and support.

- It is important to know and follow youth and young adult preferences; LGBTQ+ youth and young adults may have different spiritual needs and preferences.
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“My pastor from my church helps me understand the things I don’t understand. He helps put meaning in my life.”

– [young adult]

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mentor in their family or neighborhood or
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community-based program or works as a paid
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“My mentor is like my diary, I tell her
everything. She listens and gives good
advice. I can be relaxed.”

– [young adult]

Peer Support

Many youth and young adults prefer peer support programs employ peer support specialists focused on recovery and resilience because of their shared experiences and encouragement.

You might be able to connect youth with peer support or mentoring programs in your area or start one locally.

Promote recovery from mental illness

“Peer support helps young adults walk through the barriers of everyday life.”

– [young adult peer support provider]

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