# Mind Over Mood

A Mental Wellness Challenge



## **Today's Objectives**

- 1. Gain an understanding of how the challenge works.
- 2. Sample some of the challenge behaviors and identify their impact on your own mood.
- 3. Understand how to implement this onsite intervention in a workplace setting.

## Mind Over Mood Challenge Flow

- 1. Challenge Introductory Kickoff Meeting
- 2. Signups/Pre-Event Survey (2 weeks)
- 3. Challenge Execution (3 weeks)
- 4. Challenge Wrap Up/Credit/Prizes/Evaluation

# Mind Over Mood

Kickoff Meeting



#### What is Mental Health?

Mental health is a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his own community.

-World Health Organization

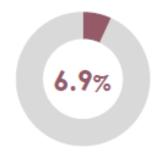
## **Mental Illness By Diagnosis**



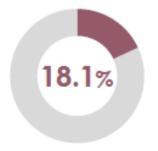
1 in 100 (2.4 million) American adults live with schizophrenia



2.6% (6.1 million)
of American adults
live with bipolar
disorder



6.9% (16 million)
of American adults
live with major
depression

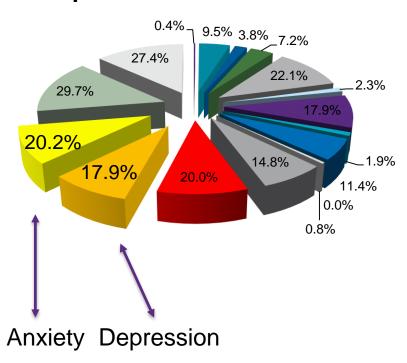


18.1% (42 million)
of American adults
live with anxiety
disorders

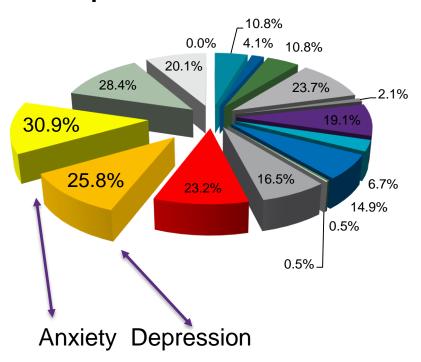
# How are we doing at HealthEquity?

## **HQY Stats**

#### 2015 Wellness Assessment Self-Reported Health Concerns



#### 2016 Wellness Assessment Self-Reported Health Concerns



Self-reported anxiety has increased by 10%, and depression by 8%

# **Definition of Depression**

A "state" of feeling sad

 A serious medical condition in which a person feels very sad, hopeless, and unimportant and often is unable to live in a normal way

## **Definition of Anxiety**

A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, typically about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome

## How can depression interfere?

- Affects our physical well-being, resulting in chronic fatigue, sleep problems, and changes in appetite
- Affects the way we think, interfering with concentration and decision making
- Lose things, lose track of things and can't always remember what day it is
- We stop eating, or caring what we eat and whether it tastes good
- On the flip side, we may be eating all the time due to boredom and hope that food will somehow satisfy the vacant feeling we have

## How can anxiety interfere?

- Trembling, twitching, or shaking.
- Breathlessness or rapid heartbeat.
- Lightheadedness or dizziness.
- Sweating or cold, clammy hands.
- Muscle tension, aches, or soreness
- Sleep problems, such as the inability to fall asleep or stay asleep, early waking, or restlessness (not feeling rested when you wake up).

## **Risk Factors: Depression**

#### Medical

 Biochemical, Sleep Disorders, Genetics, Serious Illness

#### Social

 Abuse, Gender, Lack of Social Support, Major Life Event

#### Substances

 Substance Abuse, Medications



## **Risk Factors: Anxiety**

- Stress due to an illness- Having a health condition or serious illness can cause significant worry about issues such as your treatment and your future
- Having blood relatives with an anxiety disorder. Anxiety disorders can run in families
- Stress buildup. A big event or a buildup of smaller stressful life situations may trigger excessive anxiety — for example, a death in the family, work stress or ongoing worry about finances
- Other mental health disorders. People with other mental health disorders, such as depression, often also have an anxiety disorder
- Drugs or alcohol. Drug or alcohol use or abuse or withdrawal can cause or worsen anxiety

## **Management of Symptoms**

#### Depression

- Set goals
- Exercise (belief system)
- Eat healthy
- Get enough sleep
- Challenge negative thoughts
- Do something new
- Look for support from people who make you feel safe and cared for



## **Management of Symptoms:**

#### Anxiety

- Take a time-out
- Eat well-balanced meals
- Limit alcohol and caffeine
- Get enough sleep
- Exercise daily
- Take deep breaths
- Accept you cannot control everything
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Learn what triggers your anxiety



# Mind Over Mood

Challenge Details



## Mind Over Mood Challenge Purpose:

- Educate
- Raise Awareness
- Exposure to Strategies
  - Build Relationships

## **What Participants Will Do:**

- 1. Form A Group
- 2. Complete Signup Survey
  - signup deadline Mon, 9/26
  - challenge dates: Mon, 9/26- Fri, 10/14



- 3. Participate in group activities 3 days/wk
- 4. Optional: Bonus Writing Competition

## **Groups:**

- 2-5 People
- Can include spouses, dependents, friends, teammates
- Elect team captain
- Sign up at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016premindovermood

#### **Team + Individual Activities:**

#### **Team Activities**

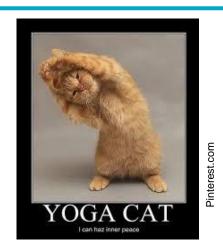
- Complete at least 3 team activities each week
- Each group must do every team activity at least once
- Team Activities (must be completed as a <u>team</u>)
  - At least One Educational Piece (See Wellness page on the Exchange)
  - Stretch for 10 minutes
  - Go on a 10 minute walk
  - Guided Meditation (provided free onsite, Tuesdays and Fridays; see Wellness page on the Exchange)
  - Eat a meal together
  - Exercise
  - Free write for 10 minutes

#### Individual Activities

- Complete both every day during the challenge
  - Positive Affirmation
  - Gratitude Log

## Why these activities:

- Stretching- Spend 10 minutes
   doing stretches or yoga. Stretching
   relieves stress and anxiety and can
   improve sleep.
- Walks-Take a 10 minute walk.
   Along with the physical health
  benefits, taking a walk reduces
  stress, improves sleep, and helps
  to diminish depression.





#### **Team Activities Cont.:**

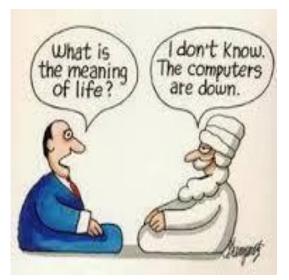




- Eat Together- Eating a meal together allows time for reflection, discussion, and the feeling of belonging.
- Exercise- Most population studies
   have found that physically active
   individuals are less likely to develop
   depression, and studies also support
   decreased anxiety and increased
   extraversion. HIIT has shown reduced
   fear of anxiety-related bodily sensations.

#### **Team Activities Cont.**

 Guided Meditation- Participate in an onsite meditation session. Meditation helps with the racing thoughts that come with anxiety by quieting the overactive mind. Through regular practice, you can detach yourself from these to rest in your own being. This involves remaining centered, and if pulled out of your center, meditation practice allows you to return there again.



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## **Team Activities Cont.**

• **Writing-** Studies have shown significant drops in depression in those who participated in expressive writing. This is another way to express your deepest thoughts and feelings. Spend at least 10 minutes free writing on anything you'd like.

## **Bonus Writing Competition!**

- Rules for Writing
  - No Longer than two pages
  - One submission per person
  - Must be submitted by end of the challenge
  - Can be any form and any topic: Short stories, poems, haikus, etc...
- Winning piece will receive an Amazon gift card!

## **Individual Daily Activities**

• **Gratitude Log-** Each day write in your gratitude log at least three things that you're grateful for. Research has shown that keeping a gratitude journal leads to improved psychological and physical health.

## **Individual Daily Activities Cont.**

 Positive Affirmations- Start every day by saying positive affirmations (I like myself. Today will be a good day I like my job.) These are meant to encourage a life filled with positivity and gratitude. It is a statement about ourselves or situation, phrased in the present tense, and is something that is true about ourselves. This will help change your thought process and move you away from the negative.



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#### **Additional info:**

#### Team captains are responsible

 You need to make sure your group is participating and you are keeping track of the activities that have been completed.

#### What to do if you are gone

 You can make it up, just attend an extra activity and talk to your group and captain about the experience.

#### Where to get educational pieces

 The educational pieces are found on the Wellness page of the Exchange

#### When guided meditation will be held

Sessions held every Tuesday at 10a and Friday at 12:30p, see
 Wellness calendar on the Exchange for location and dial-in info.

## **Participation Trophies**

- A greater knowledge base about depression and anxiety
- Your choice of 3 prizes:
  - HQY Journal OR
  - One month subscription to HeadSpace OR
  - Stress relieving adult coloring book
- Wellness credit for Mental/Intellectual Activity

Must Complete Entire Challenge!)

# Mind Over Mood

Try it out!



## **What Participants Will Do:**

- 1. Complete daily individual activities
  - 1. Positive Affirmations
  - 2. Gratitude Journal



- 2. Form A Group/Team Captain
- 3. Participate in group activity

## **Individual Activities**

#### Individual Activities

- Positive Affirmation
- Gratitude Log

#### **Positive Affirmations**

- New brain research, called neuroplasticity, shows that the brain has the ability to form and reorganize its connections, especially in response to learning or experience. This ability can create lasting changes to the brain, including the regions associated with attention, anxiety, depression, fear, and anger, among other things.
- Positive affirmations (positive self-talk) are repetitive experiences you put your brain through; think of them like mental exercises. They are meant to encourage a life filled with positivity and gratitude. A positive affirmation is a statement about ourselves or a situation we face, phrased in the present tense, saying something that we want to be true. Regularly saying positive affirmations will help change your thought process and move you away from the negative and towards the goal you envision for yourself. Positive affirmations not only affect your subconscious, but studies show that they improve education, health, and relationship outcomes, with benefits that sometimes persist for months and years. Some examples of positive affirmations are:
- "I am charitable towards others and help them where I see need."
- "I give amazing presentations full of confidence and energy!"
- "I appreciate my body."
- "I inspire others to be kind."
- "I help lift others' spirits every day."

#### **Positive Affirmations**

For this activity, each participant should choose at least one positive affirmation that they would like to say to themselves and say it to themselves at least three times at the beginning of each day.



## **Gratitude Log**

Research has shown that keeping a gratitude journal leads to improved psychological and physical health. It reduces a multitude of toxic emotions, effectively increases happiness, reduces depression, enhances empathy, reduces aggression, improves self-esteem, increases mental strength, and on and on and on!

## **Gratitude Log**

For this activity, write down at least three things each day that you are grateful for.



#### **Team Activities**

#### **Team Activities**

- Stretch for 10 minutes
- Go on a 10 minute walk
- Guided Meditation

#### **Team Activities**

## Be back in 12 minutes!

#### **Team Activity- Guided Meditation**

## www.headspace.com

### Mind Over Mood

**Program Administration** 



#### **Communications**

Title	Audience	Target Send Date	
Mind Over Mood Challenge	All Team Members	3 wks prior to start	Mind Over Mood Challenge.msg
Team Captain Email	Team Captains	1 week prior to start	Mind Over Mood-T eam Capteirs m sg
Challenge Kickoff	All participants	Challenge Start	Mind Over Mood Challenge.meg
How's Your Team Doing?	Team Captains	Halfway through challenge	How's Your Milmed Over Mobad Team Dring unsig
Challenge Follow Up	All participants	Challenge Completion	Mind Over Mood Challenge Follow Upunag
Challenge Follow Up- Captains	Team Captains	Challenge Completion	Mind Over Mood Challenge Fallow Up: Captains away
FINAL Challenge Follow Up	All participants	1 week post challenge completion	FINAL Mind Over Mood Challenge Follow Up.msg
Survey Prize	All participants	2 weeks post challenge completion	Mind OverMood Survey Prize.msg

## MIND OVER MOOD

A challenge to boost mental health habits and educate on mental health issues, including depression and anxiety

Learn about the two most commonly reported health conditions at HealthEquity and across Utah: depression and anxiety. Gain a better understanding about their effects and how certain activities can help while earning credit for wellness dollars as a Mental/Intellectual activity.

#### **CHALLENGE DETAILS**

#### September 26-October 14

Choose a group of 2-5 people (team members, friends, spouses or dependents)

Three days a week, teams will choose activities from the list below to complete:

- Educational piece
- Stretch
- Walk
- Guided meditation (provided free onsite)
- Eat together
- HIIT (high intensity interval training)
- Gratitude log (required every day)
- Positive affirmations (required every day)

#### CHALLENGE KICKOFF

September 14 1:00 - 2:00 pm Cadbury

Come hear from a terrific educational speaker with great insight on depression and anxiety.

#### Initial Announcement

Interested? Sign up today at: surveymonkey.com/r/2016PreMindOverMood



#### 2016 Mind Over Mood Signup Survey

#### Health Behaviors

1. Who is your team capta	ain and who are the other members on your team? (C	an include team members, spouses,
dependents) 🖸		
Captain (Required)		
Participant 1 (Required)		
Participant 1 Email (Optional,		
if not HQY team member)		
Participant 2 (Optional)		
Participant 2 Email (Optional, _		
if not HQY team member)		
Participant 3 (Optional)		
Participant 3 Email (Optional,		
if not HQY team member)		
Participant 4 (Optional)		
Participant 4 Email (Optional,		
if not HQY team member)		
Participant 5 (Optional)		
Participant 5 Email (Optional, _		
if not HQY team member)		
2. Where do you work? 🖡	0	
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Utah-Remote		
Outside UT		

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#### **Sign-up Survey**



## Pre-Event Survey



#### 2016 Pre-Challenge Mind Over Mood Survey

Health Behaviors
7. How many minutes, if any, do you spend on social media a day? 🔯
O 0-10
O 10-30
O 30-60
○ 60-120
Always on social media
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8. How often do you spend time doing activities with others?
○ Almost never
1-2 times a week
3-4 times a week
Almost every day
How often do you spend time doing outdoor activities?
○ Never
1-2 days a week
3-4 days a week
Always try to spend time outside
10. How many hours of sleep do you get in an average night?
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## Pre-Event Survey

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Post Traumatic Disorder	Stress	C	)	(	0	(	)	(	0			
Social Anxiety		C	)	(	)		)		0			
General Anxiet	y Disorder	0			)				0			
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Panic Attacks		C	)	(	)		)		0			
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14. In an aver	age day ho	w much ene	rgy do you	feel you hav	97							
1, No energy	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10, Very energetic			
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2016 Pre-Challenge Mind Over Mood Survey

## Pre-Event Survey

#### **Tracking Sheet**

#### Mind Over Mood Activity Tracking Sheet

Team Captain: Team Members:

Team Activities
Educational Piece
10' Stretch
10' Walk
Guided Meditation
Eat Meal Together
10' Exercise
Free Writing

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Week 1			Week 2		Week 3						
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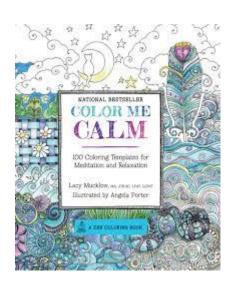
Individual		Week 1					Week 2				Week 3				
Daily Activities	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Gratitude Log															
Positive Affirmations															

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#### **Prizes**







1 month subscription

Calming Coloring Book

Journal



3-4 days a week

Always try to spend time outside

#### 2016 Post-Event Mind Over Mood Survey

Health Behav	viors									
1. What age group do you fall into?										
18-24										
25-45	25-45									
46-64										
65+										
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2. Gender?										
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Female										
3. How would	you rate yo	our overall n	nood?							
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1-2 times a	week									
3-4 times a	week									
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5. How often	do you spe	nd time doin	g outdoor a	ctivities?						
Never										
1-2 days a	week									

## Post-Event Survey

10, Good

6. How often do you break up your sitting time by moving? e.g. stretching, getting a drink of water, walking around, going to the bathroom
every hour
every 2 hours
every 3 hours
every 4 hours
twice a day
once a day
none, I park it and leave it until it's time to punch out!
Other (please specify)
7. How many hours of sleep do you get in an average night?
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8. How many minutes, if any, do you spend on social media a day?
O-10
O 10-30
30-60
O 60-120
Always on social media
9. How often do you laugh?
O-2 days per week
3-5 days per week
6-7 days per week
10. How do you feel about the coming 6 months?
Very concerned and worried, the coming 6 months are going to be very difficult for me.
Moderately concerned and worried, the coming 6 months are going to be difficult.
Neither concerned nor optimistic, the coming 6 months are going to be pretty much then same as usual for me.
Moderately optimistic, I think the coming 6 months are going to be good for me.
Very optimistic, I am looking forward to the coming 6 months, things are going well for me.

## Post-Event Survey

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11. In an average day how much energy do you feel you have?											
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1, No energy	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	energetic		
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12. In an average day to what degree do you feel											
1, Tired	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10, Very refreshed		
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13. In an avera	age day w	ould how like	ely are you t	o have a po	sitive outloo	k?					
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15. In an avera	age day to	what degree	e are you								
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* 16. What made	e you wan	t to complete	e this challe	nge?							
The social a	spect/ being	on a team with	others								
Educational- Information											
Educational- Skills											
Wellness Credit											
Fun Events	Fun Events										
Good way to	have accou	untability toward	ds meeting you	ir personal hea	lth goals						
Good way to	build new h	nabits									
Other (please specify)											

## Post-Event Survey

Utah Corporate	
Utah Remote	
Out of State	
18. Do you feel that the challenge helped you grasp a greater understanding of depression and anxiety?	
Yes	
○ No	
19. Do you think this challenge gave you tools to help yourself or anyone you know with depression and anxiety?	
○ Yes	
○ No	<b>Post-Event</b>
20. What did you like about this challenge?	Survey
21. What suggestions do you have or what would you have liked to see differently?	
22. Name (Optional for prize drawing)	
Prev Done	

17. Do you work at......

#### **Questions?**



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