

## **WAYS TO STOP THE STIGMA WRONGLY PLACED ON MENTAL HEALTH**

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**As we are entering into the holiday season; I thought this would be the best time of the year to remind everyone how important our mental health is. Here's to a Safe and Healthy New Year!**

- 1. Chose empowerment**
- 2. Tell others how you feel**
- 3. Get the treatment you need**
- 4. Educate yourself and others**
- 5. Open up to those who love you**
- 6. Talk openly about mental health in your home and with friends and family**
- 7. Remember physical and mental health are equal**
- 8. Don't reject others**
- 9. Help to normalize mental health**
- 10. Show compassion for others**
- 11. Be honest about your treatment**

**I would love to see the day where everyone who is struggling with a mental health issue would feel comfortable about opening up that they need to get help; without having the added pressure and fear that someone will make them feel stigmatized. There is no difference between needing treatment for your blood pressure, diabetes, broken arm or cancer; and needing treatment for your depression, anxiety, addiction or other mental health needs.**