

Easterseals Academy counselors cultivate wellness with calendars

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Great news! You can practice happiness, and our Easterseals Academy Machesney Park counseling team, Carolyn “CiCi” Little and Nicole Minett, are helping our staff do just that with “Cultivating Wellness” calendars.

Life isn't always easy and happiness is a fleeting emotion. However, positive psychology says there might be something even better than happiness: *meaning*. Research shows that finding meaning in

our lives through helping others, deep relationships, or flow—a satisfying immersion in an activity one is passion about—can give us a greater sense of well-being (and, as a result, happiness).

So, great news, you can *practice* happiness, and our Easterseals Academy Machesney Park counseling team, Carolyn “CiCi” Little and Nicole Minett, are helping our staff do just that with “Cultivating Wellness” calendars delivered to mailboxes every month. We think YOU can also benefit from these daily activities.

Check out the September and August calendars below and check back for new issues.

Self-Care September 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it
5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy
12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you
19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing
	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are	 

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