

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH FACTS

Did you know?

---it has been estimated that almost 21 percent of U.S. children ages 9 to 17 have a diagnosable mental or addictive disorder associated with at least minimum impairment.

---of these children, less than one in five receive needed treatment.

---suicide is the third leading cause of death of youth aged 15 to 24 in the United States.

---eating disorders can be fatal if left untreated.

Did you know?

---with early detection and appropriate treatment, chances are excellent that most children with mental health needs can recover and lead healthy lives.

---the treatment success rate for children's mental health disorders is 80%.

Did you know?

---seventy-four percent of students who drop out of school and who are categorized as seriously emotionally disabled are arrested within five years of dropping out.

---a student who drops out of school is more likely to go to prison than a smoker is likely to get cancer.



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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
MAY 4TH-10TH, 2008



**Join us this year
and wear a green ribbon!**

Wear a green ribbon during these observances. It brings awareness to the needs of children with emotional, behavioral, mental and social disabilities and their families across Iowa .

Why Green?

In the 1800s the color green was used to brand people who were labeled "insane." The children's mental health community decided to continue using the color green, but with a completely different focus. Green signifies new life, new growth, and new beginnings. Therefore, we wear the green ribbon to raise public awareness, better the lives of children with serious emotional disorders and show our support of these children and their families.



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