The Big 5 Things you can do for better mental health

Abstract

We all agree that our mental health is as important as our physical health. Unfortunately, most people are not aware of the things we can do to support our mental health, or how often we should do them. Our research involving more than 20,000 Australians has identified five key actions we can do each day, the Big 5, which are strongly linked to mental health. This presentation summarises the research evidence for the Big 5 but also provides simple examples of how we can apply the Big 5 in our daily lives.

Biography

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