



# EMOTIONAL WELLNESS CHECKLIST

Emotional wellness is the ability to successfully handle life's stresses and adapt to change and difficult times. Here are tips for improving your emotional health:



## STRENGTHEN SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

*Social connections are a protective factor that can help improve health and wellness. Scientists are finding that our links to others can have powerful effects on our health—both emotionally and physically. Whether with romantic partners, family, friends, neighbors, or others, social connections can influence our biology and well-being.*

## TO BUILD HEALTHY SUPPORT SYSTEMS

- Build strong relationships with your kids.
- Get active and share good habits with family and friends.
- If you're a family caregiver, ask for help from others.
- Join a group focused on a favorite hobby, such as reading, hiking, or painting.
- Take a class to learn something new.
- Volunteer for things you care about in your community, like a community garden, school, library, or place of worship.
- Travel to different places and meet new people.
- Explore the *Supportive Gators Program* to learn strategies to foster your social connections!