# Solano County Behavioral Health Dept. Wellness & Recovery Unit

## Attending this group will help you to

- ✓ Be able to track <u>exactly</u> how you are feeling compared to how you have felt in previous days
- ✓ Be able to tell your doctor exactly how you are feeling during your appointments
- ✓ Be able to <u>identify</u> when you need help before things spiral out of control
- ✓ Be your own BEST selfadvocate

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## Free Journaling Group

"How Do You Feel Today?"



If you **do not** know how to answer this question, then this group is for you!



If you **do** know how to answer this question, then this group is also for you!

Tuesdays 4:00pm-5:00pm



#### BENFEFITS OF A DAILY JOURNAL REPORT

- ✓ You have your own history on paper to advocate for you
- Be aware of how you really feel
- Learn the names and quantities of your medications
- ✓ Have a visual representation of your state of wellness
- ✓ Have a numerical point of reference for your state of wellness
- ✓ Have a High Score Action Plan
- ✓ Identify negative patterns in time to prevent hospitalization

## This Journaling Group Will Teach You How to:

- > Choose your daily categories
- Monitor your daily categories using a five-point scale
- Create a High Score Action Plan

Your Journal will look like this:

#### Example

Date: April 4, 2019 Weight: 160 pounds

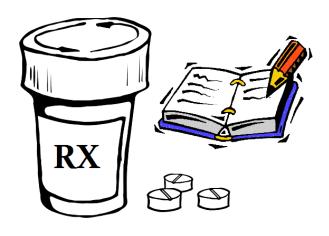
Medications: Lithium 300mg 9am

Good Day <u>1</u> 2 3 4 5 Bad Day Exercise 1 2 <u>3</u> 4 5 Mood 1 <u>2</u> 3 4 5 Stress <u>1</u> 2 3 4 5 Relationships <u>1</u> 2 3 4 5 Score = <u>8</u>/25 or <u>32%</u>

A low score is <u>good</u> and a high score is <u>bad</u>.

High Score Action Plan





#### Why Not Online or Electronic?

You want a document that you can take with you to your appointments and share with your supporters. Electronic sources are cumbersome and may need charging. The best way to do a daily monitoring Journal is to go paper. This way you have a history that you can refer to months and even years later with no risk of data loss.



