



# Momentum



Join our webinar, *Feeling stuck? Get unstuck*, on Wednesday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. CT. We'll discuss how getting "stuck" can occur, and review strategies you can use to move forward and feel better. Scan the QR code to [register now](#).

## How to get unstuck

Escaping a rut often takes self-reflection, a change in your perspective and a willingness to foresee something compelling in your future.

- Everyone gets "stuck" sometimes. Markers of a rut can include feelings of boredom, along with an absence of motivation, excitement and fulfillment.
- Take some time to examine where your life is now and whether it has turned out the way you hoped. Identify specific life events and relationships that likely spurred self-limiting thoughts that keep you from moving on confidently now.
- Explore your life's purpose. Ask yourself, "What am I passionate about? Am I pursuing it yet? If not, how can I start?"
- Change something! Go somewhere or do something out of the ordinary. This new stimulus can be the catalyst for making positive changes in your life.
- Plan an activity or get-together that you can look forward to and get excited about!



### Work-Life Services

Do you ever feel like there are not enough hours in the day to juggle work and personal responsibilities? Whether you need guidance on child or elder care, college planning, home improvement projects or anything else life throws your way, Work-Life Services can help. Visit your member website to learn more.

Contact your Employee Assistance Program at 1-866-580-9046 (TTY 711) or go online to [MagellanAscend.com](https://MagellanAscend.com) for confidential, no cost help available 24/7/365 for you and your household members.



## Mind Your Mental Health

# National Depression and Mental Health Awareness and Screening Month

In October, we take time to assess our own mental health and that of others around us. If the presence of depression is possible, it's wise to take a screening to determine if we're at risk and could benefit from therapeutic support.

- More than half of Americans diagnosed with mental health conditions do not receive treatment.
- Depression symptoms can include fatigue; loss of interest in regular activities; sleeping too much or too little; feelings of sadness, hopelessness or worthlessness; changes in appetite or weight; and tearfulness.
- Those who don't get help for depression may feel that their distressing symptoms are just normal parts of life. Or they might think depression represents a character flaw or weakness. This is not the case!
- If you are depressed, or think you might be depressed, consider taking a confidential online screening. This is one of the quickest and easiest ways to determine whether you're experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition.

Visit [MagellanHealthcare.com/about/bh-resources/mymh](https://MagellanHealthcare.com/about/bh-resources/mymh) or call your program for confidential mental health resources.

## Working on Wellbeing

### Career Wellbeing – Managing Job Stress

Job stress can come from many directions including work overload, doing work that's unfulfilling and conflicts with co-workers or customers. When you spot out-of-control stress, talk with a trusted friend or family member about your concerns. Start each day by making a to-do list of tasks. Prioritize the list according to tasks you must do, those you would like to do and those that can wait. Don't schedule too much.

## Money Matters

### October 2024 financial webinars

#### **Estate Planning: Financial Basics**

October 8th. Register here: [11:00 a.m. CT](#) | [2:00 p.m. CT](#)

Many people put off estate planning until it's too late. This webinar provides practical tips for creating a plan that reflects your values and goals. The class will cover various financial factors and tools that can help protect your assets and ensure that your wishes are carried out—tools like wills, trusts, powers of attorney and healthcare advance directives. Learn how you can start securing your legacy now.

#### **Smart Money Moves: Holiday Planning**

October 31st. Register here: [11:00 a.m. CT](#) | [2:00 p.m. CT](#)

The holidays are a time for celebration but can also bring stress and financial strain. This event will examine the financial side of holiday planning and provide ideas for keeping your budget in check while still enjoying the festive season. Learn about budgeting for gifts and entertainment, and get tips for finding deals and leveraging technology. Other topics will include hosting a gathering on a budget and avoiding debt.