

#### NEW JERSEY SELF-ADVOCACY PROJECT



# STAY HEALTHY AT HOME: STRESS

MANAGEMENT &
OUTDOOR
SAFETY TIPS

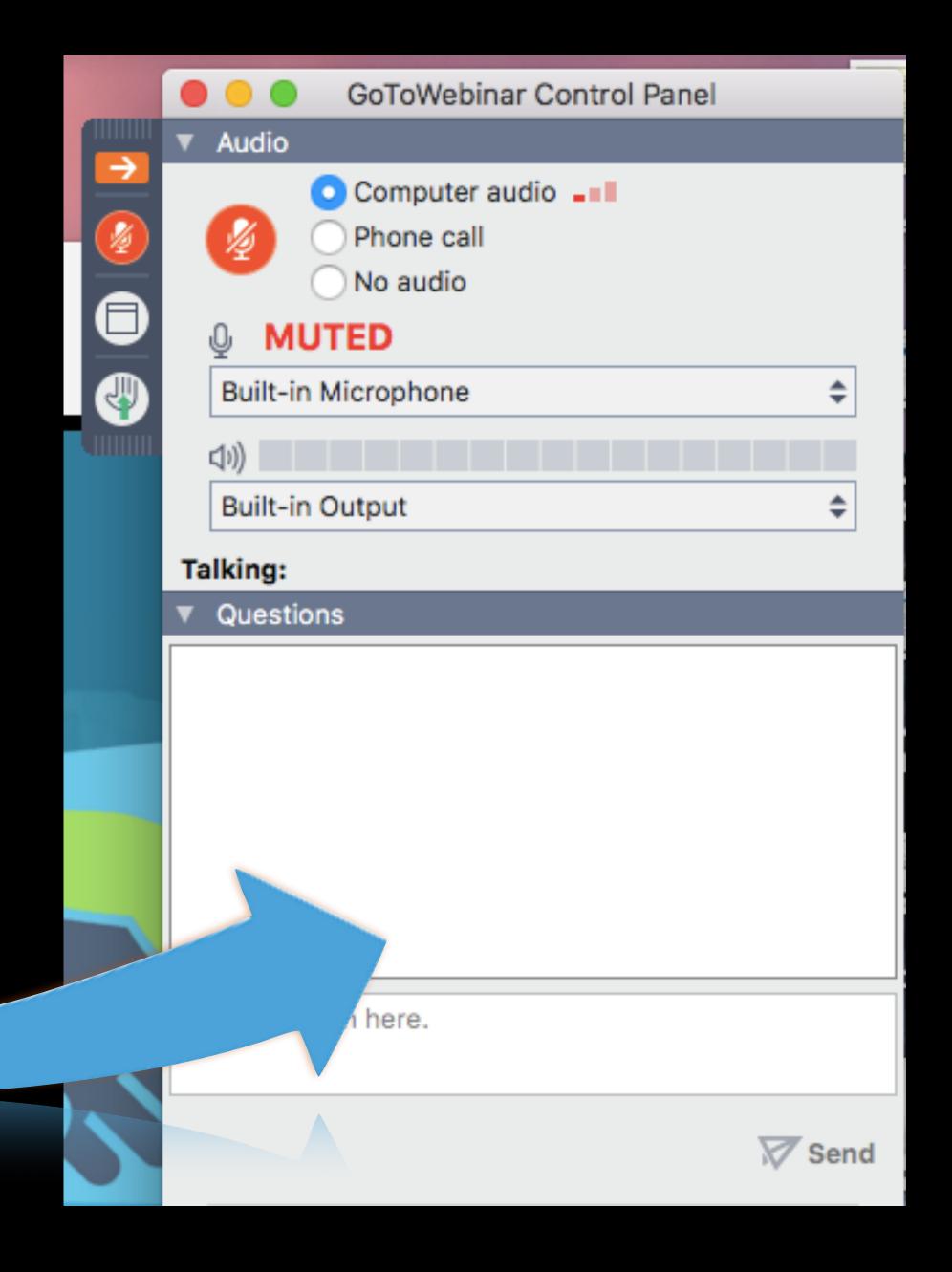
#### INTRODUCTION



- ► I am a Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator of the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project (NJSAP)
- NJSAP has been a Division-funded program of The Arc of New Jersey since 1983
- NJSAP supports the state's largest network of individual self-advocates and self-advocacy groups
- NJSAP provides comprehensive training and resources to selfadvocates, Direct Support Professionals, and agency personnel

The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project has partnered with The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey to help you learn more about health, wellness, and being the best you! We are happy to tailor our presentation(s) to suit the needs of your group. The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project Team will visit your location and provide free workshops on the following topics: 202 and Medicaling Sconfidence

TYPE YOUR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, FEEDBACK INTHE QUESTIONS BOX



#### TODAY WE WILL DISCUSS:

- Identifying stress in your body
- Ways to manage
   stress levels
- Staying healthy

- Stress relieving techniques
- Staying engaged during stay at home order
- Outdoor Safety

#### DEFINING STRESS:

A state of mental or emotional strain or tension resulting form adverse or very demanding circumstances.



## DEFINING ANXIETY

 A feeling of worry, nervousness or unease.
 Typically about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome.



#### CAUSES OF STRESS & ANXIETY

- Life changes
- Fear
- Traumatic event
- Illness or injury
- Unhealthy diet

- Not getting enough
   sleep
- Financial issues
- Hormones
- Daily events (weather, traffic, arguments, work)

#### HOW IT CAN AFFECT YOUR BODY

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Difficulty sleeping
- Difficulty concentrating
- Upset stomach
- Irritability

- Depression
- High blood pressure
- Weight fluctuations
- Skin issues
- Heart beat racing
- Muscle aches or pains

## TALK OR WRITE ABOUT YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Getting up out of bed in the morning
- Brushing your teeth
- Taking a shower
- A balanced meal
- Finding movement in your body

- Reaching out to a loved one
- Learning something new
- Helping someone
- Following rules



#### MAINTAIN YOUR ROUTINE

- Wake up at reasonable time
- Brush your teeth
- Shower
- Wear deodorant
- Change your clothes

- Eat meals at usual times
- Get active
- Connect with friends or family
- Go to bed at a reasonable time

#### BREATH

- Breathing regulates your heart rate and blood pressure
- Average person takes about
   17,000-30,000 breaths per day!
- The 5-5-5 breathing activity



#### YOGA

• The calming of the fluctuations of the mind.

• There 6 major types of yoga:

1. Raja: Meditation

2. Karma: Action and selfless service

3. Mantra: Sound and chanting

4. Bhakti: Devotion

5. Jnana: Knowledge and study

6. Hatha: Breath and posture



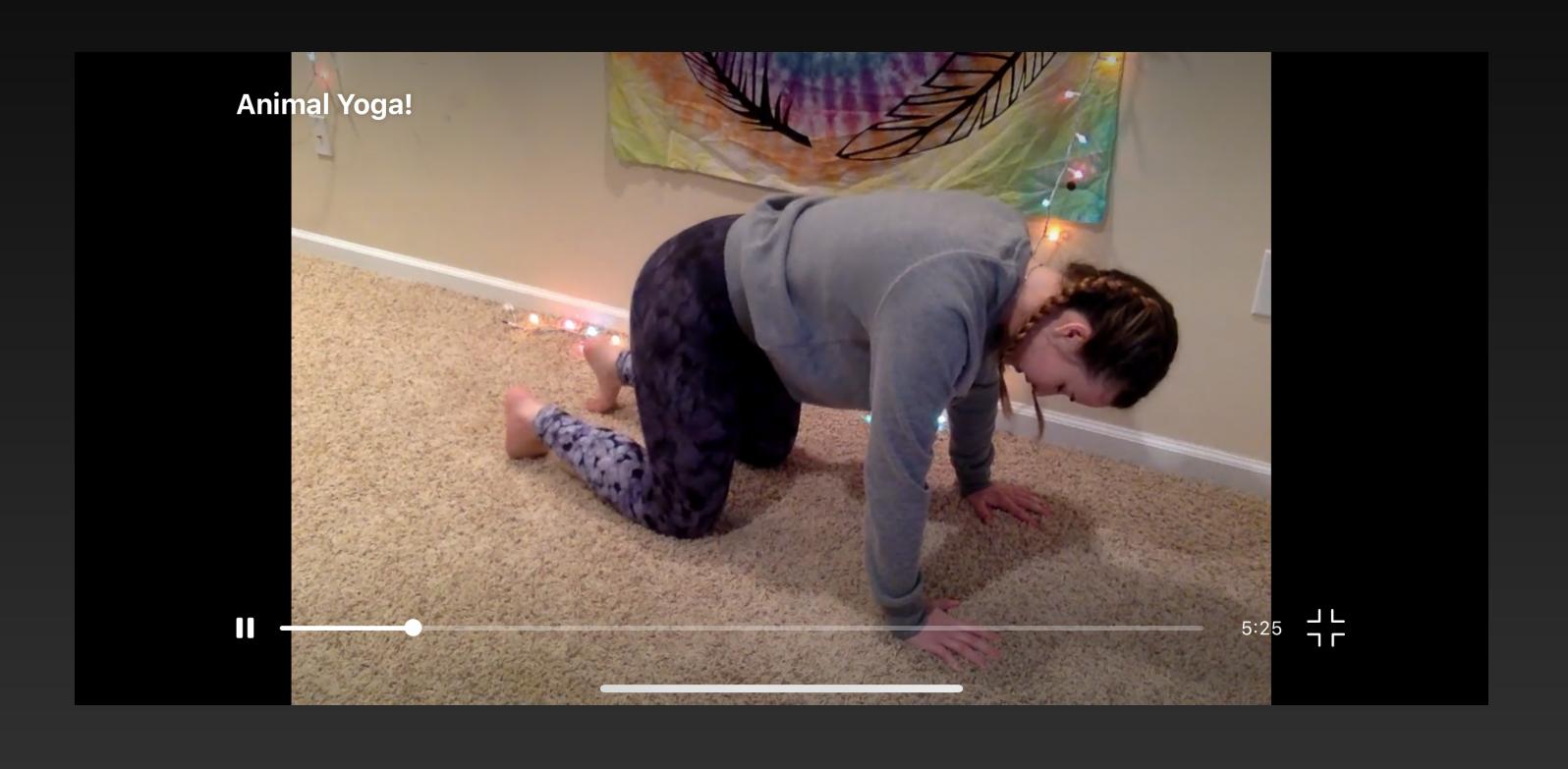
#### HATHA YOGA BENEFITS

- Builds immunity
- Aids lymphatic system
- Relaxes the mind and releases tension in the body
- Strengthen and tones the body
- Increases flexibility and mobility
- Helps with cravings
- Aids in better sleep



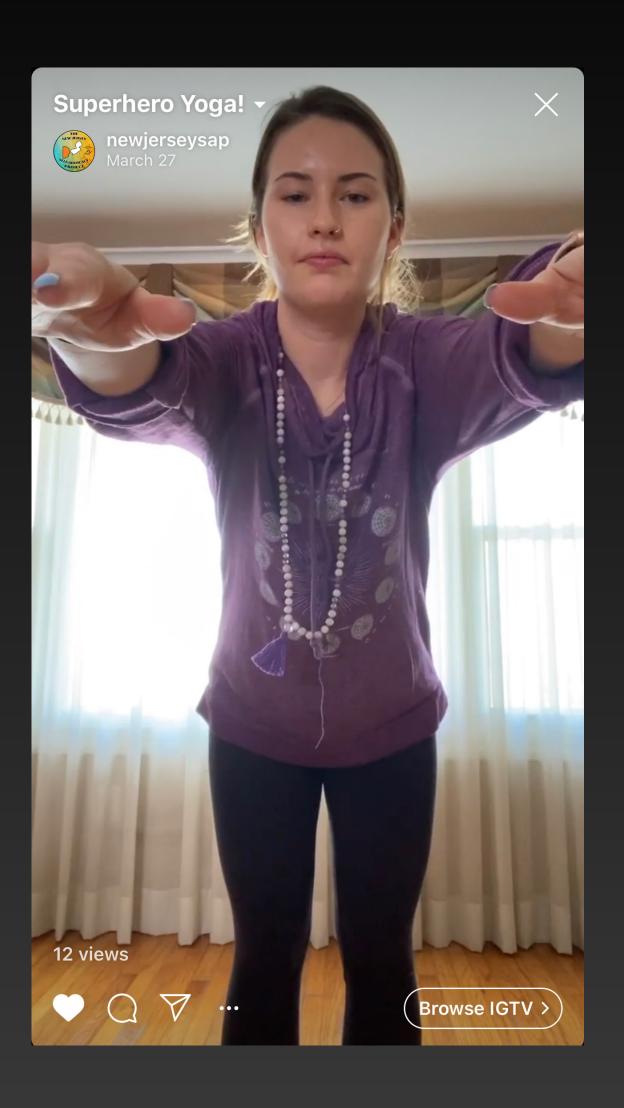
#### ANIMAL YOGA WEDNESDAYS





#### SUPER HERO YOGA FRIDAYS



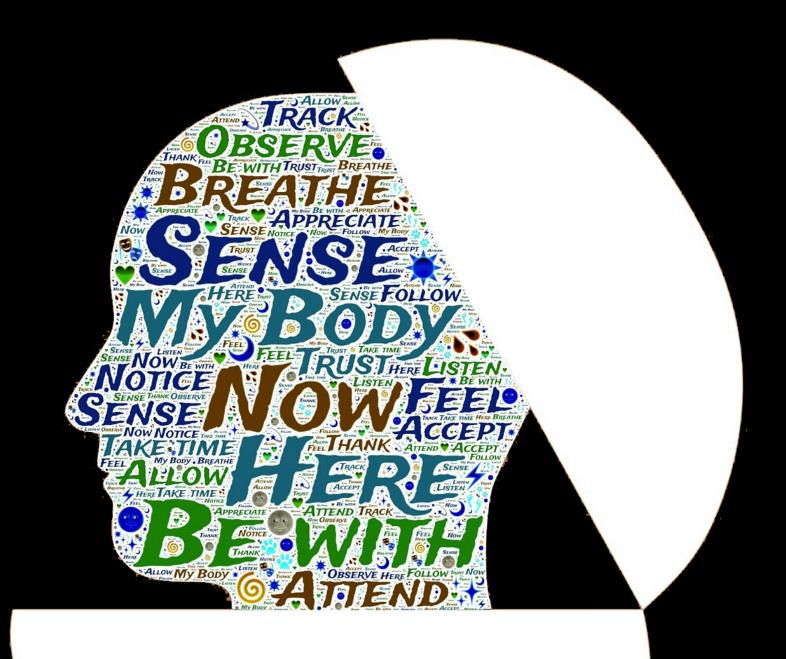




#### MEDITATION

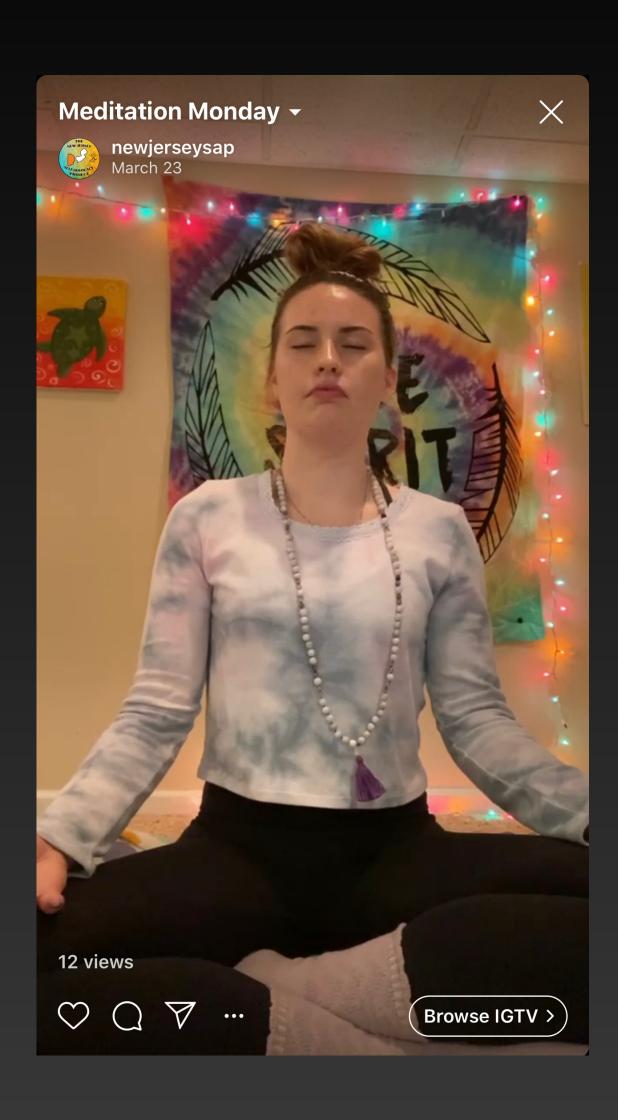
- To focus on one thing and redirect other thoughts.
- It is a practice and each day may feel different.
- The benefits of meditation are
  - 1. Reduce stress
  - 2. Control anxiety
  - 3. Promote emotional health
  - 4. Enhance self-awareness
  - 5. Lengthen attention span

- 6. May reduce age related memory loss
- 7. Generate kindness
- 8. Improve sleep

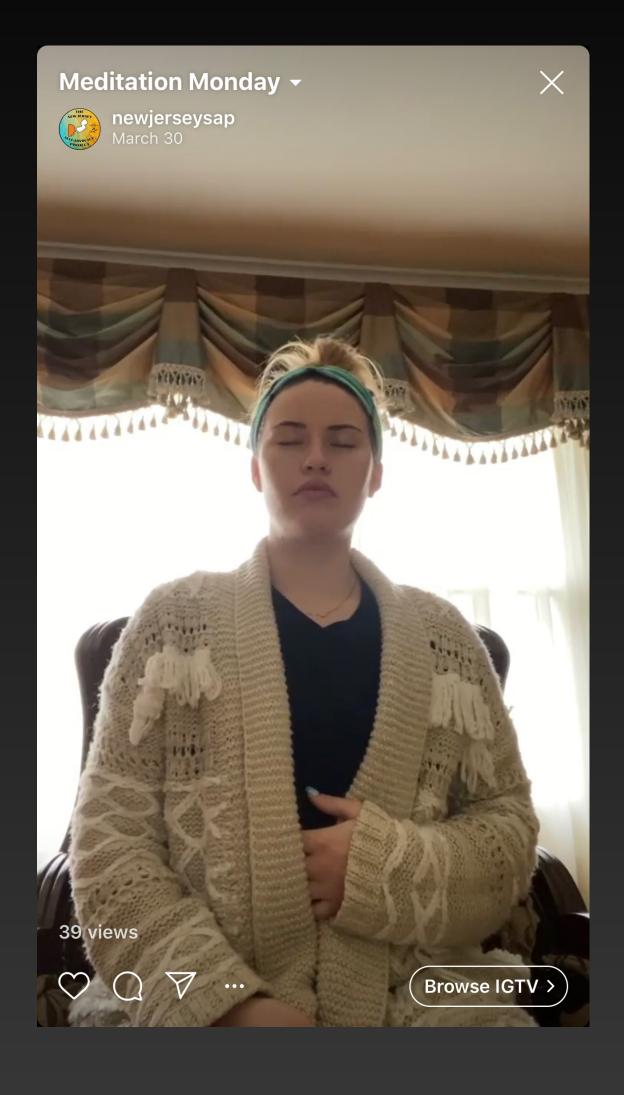


Practice
Being
Present

#### MEDITATION MONDAYS





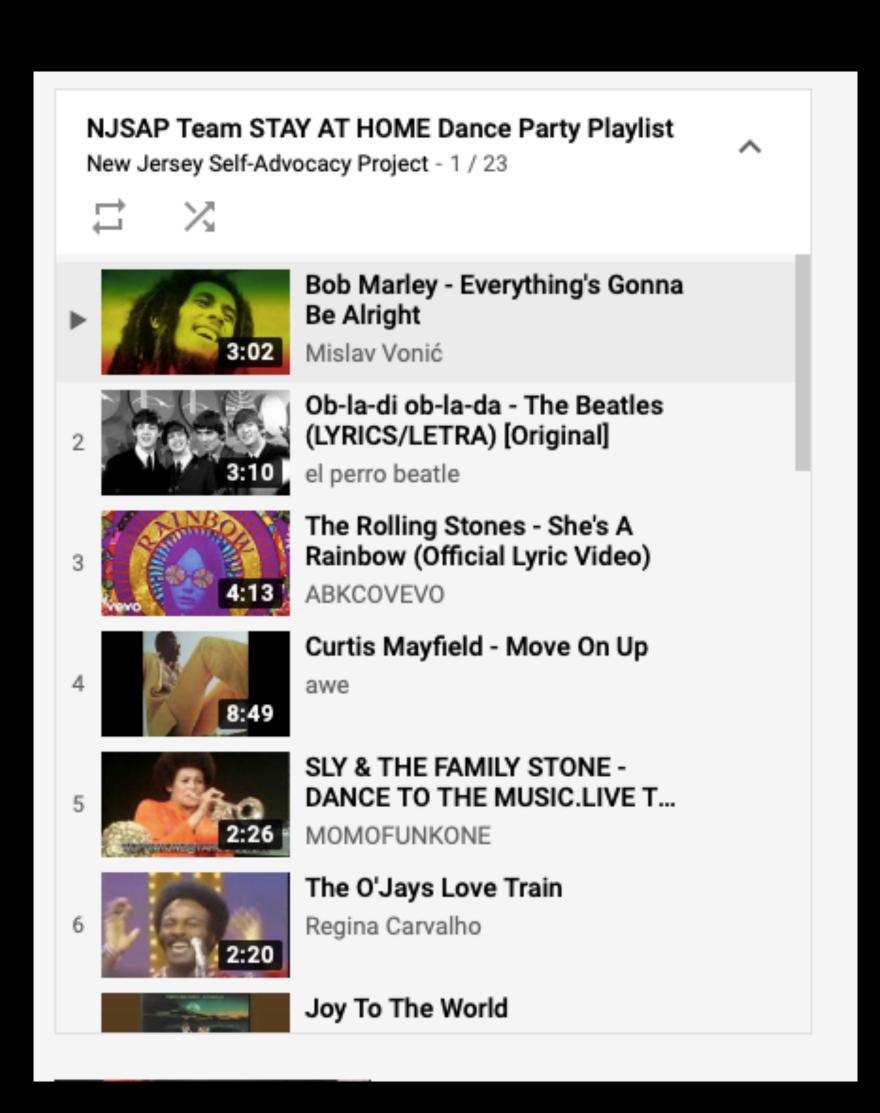


#### WORKOUTS

- Get creative with At Home Workouts
  - Cans or water bottles for weights
- Check out Train Us Forward Fitness on Youtube!
- Check out Ivanaexercise on Youtube!
- Check out National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) on Youtube!



#### DANCE PARTY



Raises endorphin levels: a chemical your body releases to minimize pain and discomfort while maximizing pleasure



#### DRINKING WATER

Drink half of your body weight in ounces everyday
 Example: If you weight 140 pounds, you should be drinking 70 ounces of water per day.

- Wakes our bodies up
- Keeps us fuller longer
- Curbs cravings
- Hydration





### ERIN'S SNACK HACKS











#### NEWS AND MEDIA

- Limit your news intake
- Know the facts
- No bad news past 8pm rule!



#### HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES

- Journal
- Scrapbooking
- Coloring
- Painting
- Knitting
- Reading

- DIY crafts
- Baking
- Cooking
- Make cards for essential workers

- Finding new music
- Learning a new dance
- Watching a new show
- Having a fashion show

- Organize closets
- Play a board game
- Plant a garden

#### GRATITUDE

- Notice good things in your life and appreciate them
- Savor the feeling of gratitude
- Opens the door to more meaningful relationships
- Improve physical and psychological health and well-being

#### GRATITUDE JOURNAL

Today's date:	
Му	Gratitude Journal 💮 🖊
	In the Morning Q
Right now, I am grateful for:	
1	
2	
3	
I am so <b>lucky</b> and here is just one	e reason why:
The <b>people</b> in my life I am gratef	ful for are:
Something I can do to make tod	ay <b>great</b> is:
	In The Evening 🏂
Today I <b>appreciate</b> :	In The Evening 🏂 Today I forgive:
	Today I <b>forgive</b> :
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Today I <b>appreciate</b> :  Here is <b>one nice thing</b> I did for r	Today I <b>forgive</b> :  myself or someone else today:
Today I appreciate:  Here is one nice thing I did for r  Three things that made my day  1.	Today I <b>forgive</b> :  myself or someone else today:
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#### POSITIVITY

 Try to identify a small positive thing that you do each day

Think of something positive about yourself

Positive self-talk



#### CONNECTION

- Talk to people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of your daily activities for several days in a row.
- Technology allows us to connect with people all around the world.











#### **ADVOCACY**

- Attending your districts virtual Council meetings.
- Use social media platforms to let representatives know you want your voice heard.
- Register to vote!
- Fill out 2020 Census



#### RESPOND TO ACTION ALERTS



#### ITEM #1:

#WEAREESSENTIAL:
TELL CONGRESS TO
INCLUDE THE
DISABILITY
COMMUNITY IN
COVID-19 RELIEF
BILLS

CLICK HERE TO TAKE ACTION!

#### ITEM #2:

ACT NOW TO
#FIXTHEGLITCH FOR
SSI!

CLICK HERE TO TAKE ACTION!

#### NJSAP TRAININGS

 Virtual trainings via conference call, Google Hangouts, or Zoom A training on our program, NJSAP
Starting a Self-Advocacy Group
Team Building
Human Rights and Responsibilities
Erasing the R-Word & Person First Language
Legislative Advocacy
Governmental Affairs
Advocating for Yourself

Healthy Relationships
Online Dating
Aromatherapy
First Aid
Get Better Sleep
Outdoor Safety
Illness Prevention
Proper Hygiene

Voting
Boosting Your Self-Confidence
The Americans with Disabilities Act
Employment & Pre-Employment Skills
Healthy Communication
Respectful Behavior
Anger Management Indoor

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NEW! 2020 Census
NEW! Consent & Respect
Proper Portion Sizes
Dangers of Sugar
Skills Quick Healthy Snacks
Stress Relief
Yoga & Meditation
Indoor Exercise & Adaptive Fitness

#### STAY HEALTHY AT HOME WEBINAR SERIES

- Census 2020: Be Counted!
   Tuesday, May 5, 2020
   2 PM-3 PM
- Working Hard or Hardly Working: Maintaining Your Well-Being and Productivity While Working From Home Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2 PM-3 PM
- Step by Step: Small
   Changes That Can Lead
   You To a Healthier Life
   Tuesday, May 19, 2020
   2 PM-3 PM
- Let's Stick Together:
   Navigating the Web of
   Online Communications for
   Staff and Self-Advocates
   Tuesday, May 26, 2020
   2 PM-3 PM



#### GETTING OUTDOORS

 Nature can help with anxiety because it makes you feel grounded.

- Touch the ground
- Grab a leaf or pine cone
- Feel the fresh air
- Notice the wind



#### GETTING OUTDOORS CONT.

- If you live in a busy neighborhood, do activities in your own yard.
- If you do not live in a busy neighborhood, take a walk or hike around the block. Try to stay away from others as best as you can. If you see someone coming, move to the other side of the street.



#### BRING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE

- Love to paint? Bring it outside!
- Do your home workout or yoga practice outside
- Play a game of cards outside
- Read a book outside



### FLOWER SPOTTING













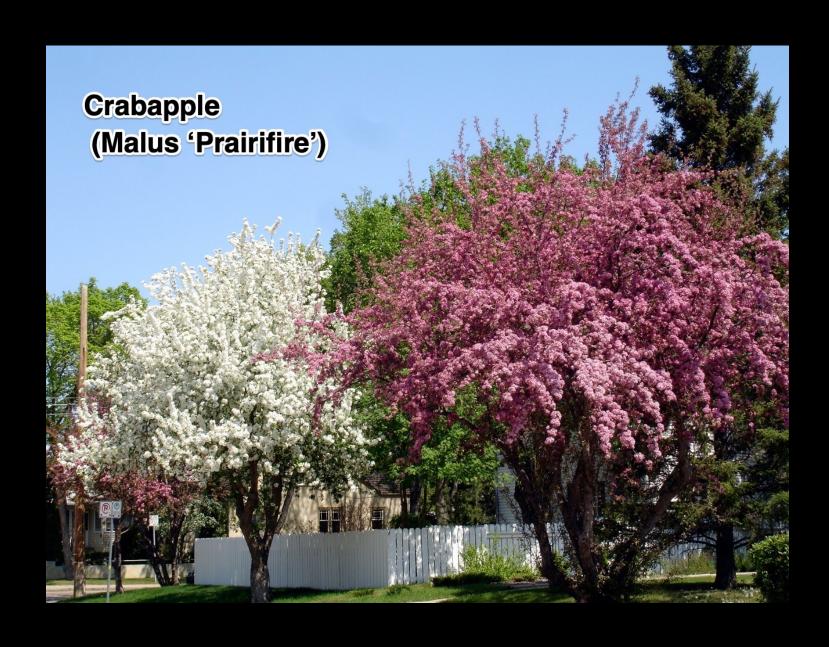
#### BIRD WATCHING

#### · BACKYARD BIRDS of NEW JERSEY ·



Check out
 this website
 for more bird
 identification
 tips and
 tricks!

## TREE SPOTTING





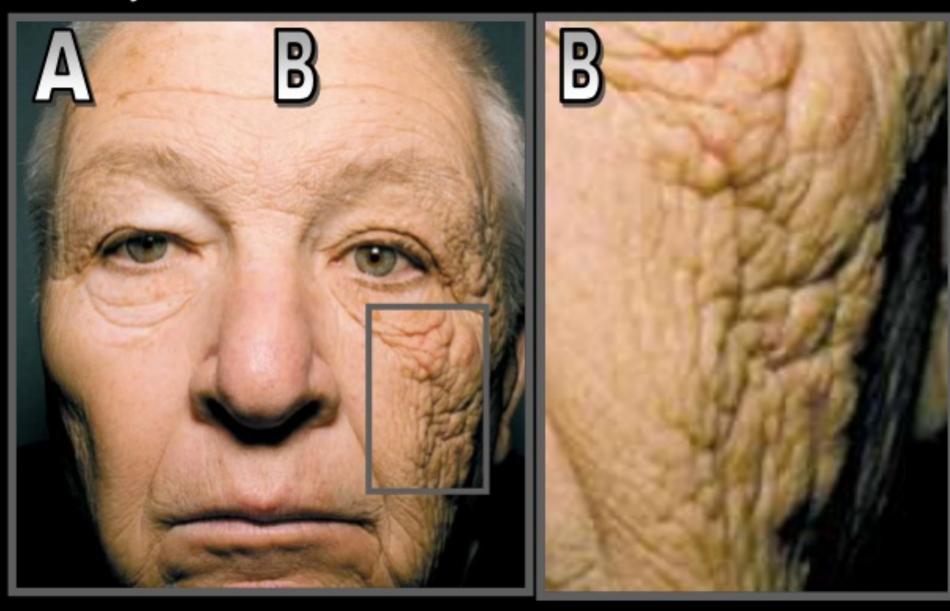




#### SUNSCREEN

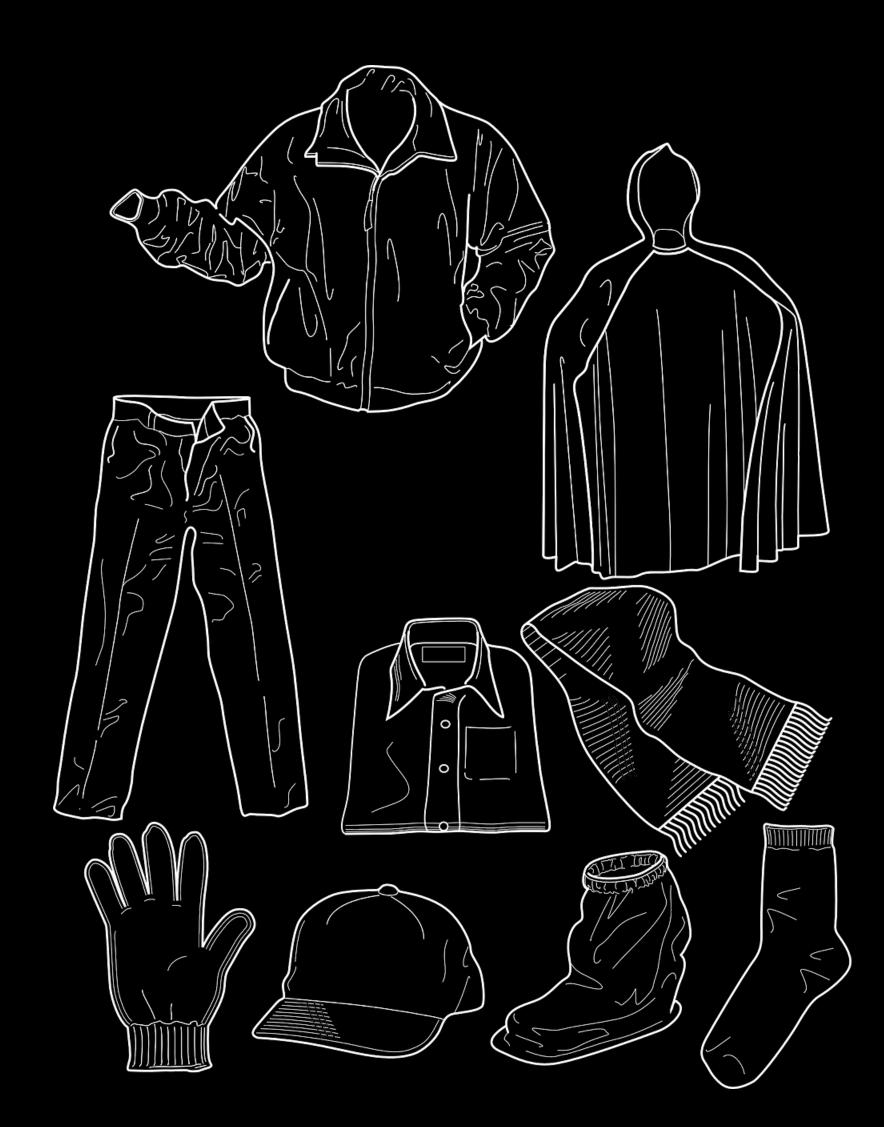
- Skin is the largest organ of the body
- Not wearing sunscreen can cause skin cancer and speed up the aging process.
- Wear sun screen even when:
  - It is cloudy
  - You are inside
  - When you go out after 2pm

- Picture of a veteran truck driver.
  - 30 years on the road. Which side faced the sun?



#### APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

- Check the weather before you leave the house
- Wear clothes that make sense for the temperature



#### RESOURCES

- Carcadian Rhythms:
- Breathing
- 6 Branches of yoga
- Lymphatic System
- Mediation videos
- Dance Party

- Youtube Workouts:
  - Train Us ForewardFitness
  - Ivanaexercise
  - National Center on
     Health, Physical
     Activity and Disability
     (NCHPAD)

#### RESOURCES

- Water Intake
- Eating Healthy
- Covid-19 Resources
- Gratitude Journal
- Voting
- Census

- Action Alerts
- Webinar Series
- Flower Spotting
- Bird Watching
- Tree Spotting

#### QUESTIONS?

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