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There is no cure for the most serious mental health issues. However, with the proper care and skills, no individual can be without a productive, independent, robust life. [Skip to Navigation] Medically reviewed by Ashleigh Golden, PsyD – Written by Kate Bettino – Updated on June 1, 2021 Why do people keep talking about CBT? We explore how cognitive behavioral therapy works and who it might help. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is an evidence-based and widely used form of therapy that's helped many people around the world. Therapists use CBT to help people with all kinds of mental and physical health conditions, just a few of which include: depression anxiety chronic pain irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) Using various CBT techniques, mental health professionals look at the way people think and how that impacts how they behave. The goal is to adapt your mindset and behaviors by adjusting distorted thought patterns. Whether you're living with a mental health condition or just keep finding yourself worrying about the little things, CBT could be a helpful tool if you're looking for an evidence-backed therapy to relieve persistent symptoms. In the 1960s, psychiatrist Aaron Beck realized that the people he helped with depression often showed specific thinking patterns that didn't serve them. He explained emotional conditions using a cognitive model: Thought processing controls how people view themselves, others, and their environment, which impacts their emotions and behaviors. In other words, if you perceive everything around you to be bad, you'll likely feel pretty bad, too. The basic principle behind CBT is that most emotional and behavioral reactions are learned – and so they can be unlearned or changed. Unlike many other forms of psychotherapy, CBT is mostly concerned with present feelings and events, not past trauma or life history. That's not to say those topics won't come up in therapy, but they're not the central focus of this treatment. In mental health conditions like depression, anxiety, substance use, phobias, and many others, negative thinking takes many forms, like: In CBT, you'll work with your therapist to identify the thinking patterns that cause your distress. This is an important step in managing overwhelming emotions and unhelpful behaviors. Though many people think therapy is just chatting with a doctor, CBT is actually very structured and tailored to each person. Over time, you'll learn techniques to acknowledge and challenge thoughts that get in your way and soothe symptoms. Strategies might include: keeping track of your thoughts and reviewing them later confronting situations that create anxiety to learn coping mechanisms practicing problem-solving with your therapist role-playing interactions with others By practicing strategies like these with your therapist – and at home by yourself – you'll develop useful skills like: gaining awareness of unhelpful thoughts and how they impact your emotional state getting a more logical understanding of other people's actions challenging automatic assumptions accurately assessing reality coping with triggering or upsetting situations learning positive self-talk and how to boost confidence/relaxation techniques Basically, CBT works by identifying, tackling, and changing unhelpful thinking so that your mindset, behaviors, and overall well-being improve with practice. When you change the way you feel about specific situations, for example, it will likely be easier to adapt your behaviors in the future. The idea is to apply the skills you learn in therapy to your daily life. It's like exercising any muscle to make it stronger, except this time that muscle is your brain. It requires both you and your therapist to be collaborative, committed, and communicative. CBT is a goal-oriented form of therapy. Before starting therapy, consider reflecting on your own emotional challenges and think about what you'd like to change through CBT. Together you and your therapist can decide on attainable and meaningful goals to strive for. Some common goals in CBT include: forming new habits learning interpersonal skills developing constructive coping mechanisms reducing or managing stress and anxiety shifting from negative thinking to a more balanced outlook learning how to express feelings The time it takes to make progress toward these goals is different for everyone. Some people see results after only a few sessions, while others require a few months to reduce their symptoms. You may start out with one session per week, and then gradually decrease the frequency. However, this will depend on both you and your therapist's availability and accessibility. Therapy has been shown over and over again to help people cope with both mental and physical health conditions. Some research has even shown it produces changes to the brain. Research in 2015 also indicated that CBT is often just as or more effective in reducing symptoms than other types of therapy, especially when it comes to anxiety disorders. That being said, medication does still perform better for some conditions, and many people find it most beneficial to combine CBT with medication. The benefits of CBT are extensive. For example: It often leads to long-term results. Since the emphasis is on identifying unhelpful thinking patterns and building skills for everyday use, CBT's positive effects can last long after treatment has stopped. It's an effective alternative to medicine. For some people, medication simply doesn't work for them. CBT offers another form of treatment using a completely different approach. The duration of treatment is pretty short. Unlike other kinds of talk therapy, CBT doesn't have to go on for years. It can last anywhere around 5 to 20 sessions, though occasional follow-up sessions can be useful. CBT can take place one-on-one, in groups, or even on your own. Though the approach to CBT is structured, it's flexible in terms of format. Some apps and workbooks even allow you to practice CBT techniques on your own. The skills you'll learn can help beyond your original reason for treatment. The skills CBT often emphasizes, like problem-solving, personal interaction, and time management, can serve you in many aspects of your life. Though CBT is generally a safe and effective treatment option, it has some potential drawbacks, too. One 2018 study found therapists reported worsening symptoms in 9% of people in therapy. And during CBT, 27% experienced distress or negative well-being. Still, it can help to keep in mind that this discomfort tends to be temporary and a normal part of CBT. The most significant drawback could be the reappearance of symptoms after therapy has ended. But it's also not uncommon for this to happen. Your therapist may work with you to create a maintenance plan to keep symptoms at bay when you're no longer having regular sessions. Still, the overwhelming majority of research suggests the benefits of CBT outweigh the risks. Besides the possibility of side effects, CBT does have some drawbacks to consider. For example: It's a big commitment. Even though treatment may only last a few months, it takes commitment and persistence to get the results you want. You'll likely need to practice the skills you're learning often for them to stick. It may not be enough. For people with more complex or intense health concerns, CBT may not be the right approach – or it may simply not be enough to reduce symptoms by itself. It can be uncomfortable. Since part of CBT is addressing how distorted thinking makes you feel, therapy can temporarily stir up or worsen emotional symptoms. It can help to prepare yourself for some discomfort. It can be expensive. Depending on your location, where you live, and other factors, CBT with a professional might be out of reach due to its cost. Still, some therapists offer therapy with sliding scale fees, which means you pay what you can – it can help to look for therapists who offer this. Before therapy even begins, your therapist will probably ask you to fill out a questionnaire used to assess your mental health and keep track of progress later on. They'll likely spend most of the first session asking questions and getting to know you and your thought processes so treatment can be customized for you. Since CBT is a collaborative effort, it's important to feel comfortable with and connected to your therapist. Even though it can be frustrating and time consuming, don't be afraid to meet with multiple therapists until you find one that you're happy with. Once you've gone through all the basic questions, established your goals, and identified distorted patterns of thinking, your therapist can work with you to pick the right techniques to assess and adjust those thoughts. Be prepared to get some homework, too. CBT often includes out-of-session practice like self-reflection tasks, behavioral exercises, and readings. Although CBT usually takes place in-person, online options are also available and effective. If you think CBT could help relieve any symptoms you're experiencing, reaching out to your primary doctor is always a good first step. Be sure to mention you're interested in trying CBT. They may refer you to a therapist or other mental health professional for assessment and treatment. If CBT alone still isn't enough, a different treatment, therapy, or adding medication could help. Be sure to communicate how you're feeling with your doctor so they can best treat you. You can start your search for a therapist here. Last medically reviewed on May 27, 2021 Life can be hard. It presents us with challenges and heartache we struggle to manage at times. Thrive Behavioral Health is here to help. We offer person-centered, trauma-informed care. Our team focuses on using the strengths individuals and their families already have while helping to incorporate new ways to be healthy. Together, we can find a way for you to thrive. Submit a Request for Services Thank you so much! Thrive has helped me come so far and I am looking forward in furthering the positive process in my growth with therapy. I still have ways to go! Being apart of Thrive family has been an amazing experience. We have learned so many skills as a family and our daughter has made so much progress. We look forward to continuing with Thrive! I love my therapist, she is awesome! She has seen me come a long way and over come so much. I honestly don't know what I would do without her in my life. I've learned a lot from Thrive, great services. My therapist is an expert! My therapist is by far the best! She is always flexible when it comes to making appointments. I have been working with her for over five years now and she has helped me grow so much over the years. I really would not know where I would be without her extensive help and care over the years. I always say to myself, she does not do this for the pay or because it is a job, she does it because she wants to help others get through difficult times, and with me she did just that! I have made such an improvement in my mental and overall health since starting with Thrive a year ago. My therapist has been helping me tremendously to shape me into who I am meant to be! Fight Stress & Find Peace of Mind Thrive Behavioral Health offers a wide range of continuing education courses where participants walk away with applicable knowledge and skills to enhance their clinical practice. If you are interested in attending a training or partnering with Thrive to offer a workshop, please contact Jesse Callan, Director of Professional Development. Send Email Thrive Behavioral Health is currently looking to fill numerous positions in all four conveniently located offices. Positions may include psychiatrists, CRNPs, psychotherapists, drivers, and therapeutic aides. Along with a very competitive reimbursement package and flexible schedules (for most positions), Thrive offers paid time off, health, disability, and life insurances; and 401(k) with employer matching, to name a few exciting reasons to join our team. More Information During this challenging time, the Thrive team has decided to compile useful resources, tips and activities into a weekly newsletter for Thrive families. Most of these tips and activities are geared to children ages 4-12. We hope this brings you a smile and enjoyable way to share. Thriving Families Familias Prósperas November 2019 Vincent Nelson, M.D., Vice President, Medical Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association Today's workforce faces a range of mental and behavioral health issues, including stress, anxiety, depression and substance use disorder. Millennials, soon to be the largest segment in the workplace, are especially at risk. For them, major depression rose by 31 percent from 2014 to 2017, becoming more prevalent than hyperactivity and type 2 diabetes. 1 Employers have a vested interest in getting employees of all ages the help they need and are beginning to add or expand mental health and behavioral solutions. Mental health issues reduce employee productivity and cost employers money The cost of direct mental health treatment, at \$26 billion, might seem like a lot of money. But that amount is nowhere near what employers pay for mental health-related absenteeism, estimated at \$51 billion. 2 And you can't ignore the impact mental or behavioral health conditions have on overall health and wellbeing, which directly affect how able and engaged employees are at work. Most Americans with major depression also have one or more serious chronic health conditions The need for mental health support spurs innovative solutions Nearly six in 10 Americans are seeking or wanting to seek mental health services either for themselves or for a loved one, yet nearly half have to drive more than an hour round trip for treatment. 3 Innovate solutions, many of which leverage technology, are catching up with the growing demand for access to mental health care. Below are key areas to watch. Telehealth. A majority of employers already offer telebehavioral health services, allowing employees to speak with an emotional health coach right away. Telehealth is ideal for millennials because they're much more likely to use technology to interact with the healthcare system in general. 4 Employees who live in "mental health deserts" or are uncomfortable walking into a therapist's office can also benefit from an online or virtual visit with a mental health provider. For example, LiveHealth® Online is a telehealth app first launched by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem BCBS) in Missouri four years ago, providing members with the option to have a video call with a licensed therapist in the privacy of their home or car. Because of its success in Missouri, LiveHealth is now available to Anthem BCBS members across the country. Aneesh Kuma, Anthem BCBS's Vice President of Commercial Products says, "We fundamentally believe that digital access will drive down the cost of care to help make mental healthcare more affordable and more accessible for everyone." 5 In today's global economy, it's not uncommon for employees to travel and work overseas. The stress of being away from home can cause or worsen anxiety and even depression. Navigating another country's healthcare system can further exacerbate these conditions. GeoBlue® offers telehealth solutions for both physical and mental health needs, providing members with confidential access to counselors and wellness coaches around the world. Taking a holistic approach to care, GeoBlue also helps minimize stress by providing referrals to local resources such as legal counsel or childcare providers. In 2020, GeoBlue will launch its Global TeleMD app, making secure phone or video calls with doctors even easier, anywhere in the world. Online Tools. Since most employees are living very busy professional and personal lives, it can be a real challenge to seek and obtain mental health treatment when it's needed. Also, given the stigma that still exists around mental health, some opt to manage these challenges on their own. To address the need for more convenient and private ways for employees to manage their emotional health, employers are looking to online mental health tools and resources. For example, Independence Blue Cross offers a free, confidential online program designed to help its members improve their emotional well-being with self-assessments, articles, videos, and personalized and guided therapy available anytime. 24/7. Members can quickly assess their emotional well-being through the program's mental health screener and then receive a personalized list of available online programs and resources, including evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy. Through these digital tools, members can better manage their day in real-time by learning and practicing skills to overcome common challenges such as anxiety, depression and alcohol or substance use disorder. Wearables. As more companies and start-ups enter the wearables space, we'll likely see the function of them evolve from tools to track activity, heart rate or sleep to more personal, two-way interactions. For example, a care provider could assist an employee in managing depression, substance use disorder or other health issues through a wearable device. AI. Amazon's new HIPAA-compliant Alexa allows additional types of information, such as patient health records, to be securely transmitted. Most of the emerging HIPAA-compliant innovations are around physical health, such as recognizing cardiac arrest during 911 emergency calls. 6 But it's easy to see how receiving behavioral health information via Alexa has the potential to help employees manage stress and other conditions. Reducing hospital admissions with a person-centered tool for panic attacks When a person is having a panic attack, they often think they're having a heart attack and rush to the emergency department. Compared to healthy peers, people experiencing a panic attack visit the ED five times more often and have a 26 percent higher incidence of substance use disorder. 7 Those with panic attacks tend to hyperventilate, which exacerbates the condition. Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, worked with their innovation lab VITAL and the developers of a third-party digital tool that teaches panic-prone patients to stabilize their breathing. The tool requires that the patient commit to 17-minute sessions twice a day, so designers made sure they created an experience that would keep the patient engaged and therefore more likely to adhere to the program. After four weeks, 71 percent of patients experienced zero panic attacks. Even better, 79 percent of patients remained panic attack-free after 12 months. Making behavioral and mental health innovations work for your organization When adopting innovations to help your employees manage stress or mental health conditions, here are a few tips to keep in mind: 1) Take mental health seriously. Consider it to be just as important as other medical conditions. 2) Help remove the stigma of getting help by educating your employees and being open about mental health conditions. If your company offers telebehavioral solutions, promote it in company newsletters, text messages, emails and on your intranet. Senior executives could consider including a message on how to contact mental health services in their internal email signature. 3) Promote better mental health in your work environment. Consider healthy food and drink options, free exercise classes, meditation or stress reduction training, and if possible, flexible work hours. Download ebook Register for Webinar Vincent Nelson, M.D., is vice president of Medical Affairs in the Office of Clinical Affairs (OCA) for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), a national federation of 36 independent, community-based and locally operated Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) companies. Today, one-in-three Americans are covered by the BCBS system. Dr. Nelson provides clinical leadership across multiples disciplines, including quality management, provider recognition, medical policy, innovations of service delivery and strategic market opportunities. He ensures that the OCA and BCBSA incorporate clinical guidance that aligns with market demand and positively impacts the quality of healthcare while maintaining BCBS System leadership with members, providers and stakeholders. 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