

# **Key Person EFAP Orientation**

**Employee & Family Assistance Program** 



### **About Homewood Health** ™

### **About the EFAP**

Counselling Services
Plan Smart™ Services
Online Resources

### **Leader and Key Person Services**

Symptoms of Distressed Employees
Making Effective Referrals to EFAP
Services and Resources Available to Support
Key Personnel





# **About Homewood Health**<sup>™</sup>

- Independent provider of your EFAP.
- Leaders in the employee and organizational health products and services.
- Providing services to Canadian employers since 1979.





# **Unique Homewood Suite of Services**

# The most complete suite of mental health and addiction services:

- ✓ Redefining treatment in Mental Health and Addictions Services
- Customized solutions from wellness to recovery
- Anchored in research/evidence-based practices
- ✓ Outcome-focused
- ✓ National availability



# **EFAP Services**





## **Key Elements of the EFAP**

### **Features**

Full Suite of Services

Multilingual

Private and confidential

Availability

For yourself, your spouse/partner & dependents

### Accessible

In person, by phone (24/7), or internet





### **Full Suite of EFAP Services**

# Counselling Services When life feels too overwhelming

Face-to-face Counselling
Telephonic Support
Online e-Counselling

....with your convenience in mind.

### Online Resources

### To learn at your own pace

Childcare and Eldercare Resource Locators

**E-Learning Courses** 

Podcasts and Videos

Health Risk Assessment

Health and Wellness Library

**Articles and Newsletters** 

...access any time.

# Plan Smart—Lifestyle & Specialty Counselling

#### Life Balance Solutions

To manage everyday challenges
Childcare and Parenting/ New Parent Support
Elder and Family Care
Financial Consultation
Legal Advisory
Relationship Solutions

### **Health Smart Coaching**

To be proactive with your health Smoking Cessation 12 Weeks to Wellness Nutritional Counselling

### **Career Smart Counselling**

To take control of career choices
Career Planning/ Workplace Issue Counselling
Pre-retirement Planning
Shift Worker Support



## When to use the EFAP

## When you want...

- help to cope with daily stress and anxiety
- support to manage life transitions
- to better understand medical or health-related information
- childcare or eldercare information and guidance
- to improve the quality of your relationships
- advice on a legal or financial situation
- to address career development
- to improve your physical health
- to gain another perspective





# **Accessing Services**

### Call us toll-free

24 hours a day

7 days a week

Book appointments

Or access help immediately

1-800-663-1142





# **Privacy and Confidentiality**

### Our privacy commitment

Information is confidential.

Appointments scheduled for privacy.

Private offices off-site.

You can contact us directly.

Phone messages are not left without prior permission.

Flexible scheduling.

Reports only on group data.

Secure record-keeping.

No identifying information is transferred to anyone without your known, written consent.

Exceptions:

Child or Senior at Risk Risk to Self or Others Legal Requirement



# Counselling Services



# **Counselling Services**

## Counselling

Short-term, solution-focused.
Client-centred approach to goal setting and problem solving.

Bridging to community services, specialized referrals and treatment if needed.

# How many counselling sessions are provided?

Within the context of a solution-focused model, you receive the right number of sessions to reach resolution.





### **Professional Standards**

### **Our Counsellors**

- Experienced professionals
- Evidence-based treatment
- Masters educated (min.)
- 10 years training (average)
- 7 years experience (average)

Accountability
To their profession
To their supervisor
To their peers
To you, the client



If you need other assistance not covered within the EFAP, we will discuss your options.

If for some reason you are not comfortable with the counsellor assigned to you, call the toll-free number and we will reassign a counsellor to you. Your comfort is our goal.



# Plan Smart Services



## Plan Smart Lifestyle and Specialty Counselling

### Life Balance Services

Childcare and Parenting/New Parent Support
Elder and Family Care
Financial Consultation
Legal Advisory
Relationship Solutions

## **Health Smart Coaching**

Smoking cessation
Weight loss and weight management (via 12 Weeks to Wellness)
Nutritional counselling

## **Career Smart Counselling**

Career Planning
Workplace Issue Counselling
Pre-retirement Planning
Shift Worker Support

# EFAP as a Tool for Key Personnel



Whether you're dealing with someone's mental illness in the workplace from the perspective of a leader or a colleague, the question remains: how can mental health issues be addressed so that everyone succeeds, and everyone is treated with respect, and is given the support they need?

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# How do we learn there are issues?

Sometimes difficult conversations happen without you initiating them

They can be initiated by saying "Hello"

Asking "How was your Weekend?"

Or be something that you observe happening on it's own



## **Personal Problems: Indicators**

### **Physical**

Change in normal habits
Pattern of minor illness
Stomach and intestinal difficulties

### **Behavioural & Psychological**

Increased drinking, smoking, etc.
Inability to concentrate
Emotional sensitivity

### **Environmental**

Negative feedback from colleagues

Consistently not getting work done within normal work hours

Fatigue at work which disappears when leaving work



# **Changes in Normal Behaviour**

### Patterns or trends of symptoms based on;

- Marked or distinct change in behaviour/performance
- Change over prolonged period of time
- Increasing frequency of symptoms





# **Barriers to Supervisor Intervention**

- Belief that "problems work themselves out"
- Current workload
- Reluctance to involve oneself in "non-work related issues"





# **Making an Effective Referral**

# Common employee reactions to an offer of EFAP support

- Denial that an issue exists
- Concerns about EFAP confidentiality
- Belief in the stigmas associated with seeking help, (e.g. a sign of weakness)
- Heightened emotions

### **Best Practices**

- Normalize the situation, (e.g. EFAPs are widely used today for all kinds of life challenges)
- Re-assure EFAP confidentiality
- Be prepared with EFAP literature and information
- Offer to make the call to EFAP together



## **EFAP Referral Types**

### **Self-Initiated Referral**

Employee takes initiative to access EFAP

### **Assisted Referral**

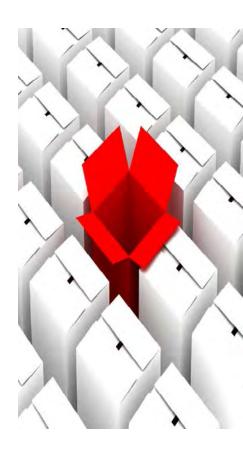
Suggest that employee access EFAP

### **Formal Referral**

Mandate that employee access EFAP



# **Key Person Resources**





# **Key Person Advice Line (KPAL)**

# Assistance for key personnel dealing with everyday employee situations

- Employee conflict
- Unusual employee behaviour
- Suspected substance abuse
- Bullying in the workplace

### **KPAL** provides:

Consultation and advice

Tips on how to provide assistance to employees

Help separating performance from personal issues

Strategies for assisted referrals to EFAP



## **Accessing KPAL**

### **Process**

Call the 24/7 EFAP client services centre at 1800-663-1142
Ask for Key Person Advice Line

### Who is on the line?

Senior level clinician with extensive experience in workplace issues



On-call clinician after hours



### **Online Resources**

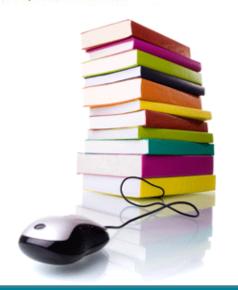
- Key Person Orientation
- Key Person Wellness Articles
- Key Person E-Learning Courses
  - Fundamentals of Effective Supervision
  - Leading the Human Side of Change
  - Managing Sensitive Employee Issues
  - Supporting Respect in the Workplace
  - Values-Based Leadership

### **Managing Sensitive Employee Issues**



HOW DO YOU TALK ABOUT UNCOMFORTABLE ISSUES?

Certain kinds of workplace issues give rise to work performance problems and, when talked about, have the potential to cause embarrassment or create strong emotional reactions. This course is for key persons and supervisors and provides guidance on how to talk about, and help resolve, these sensitive issues.

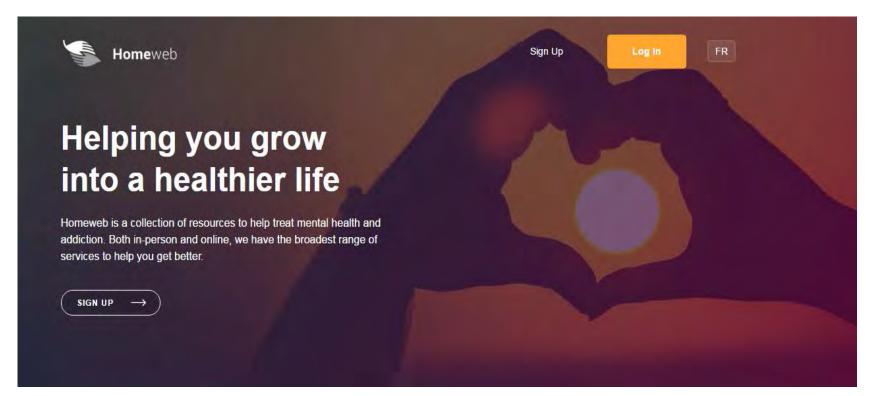




# **Accessing Online Services**

Visit www.homeweb.ca and click on the "Sign Up" icon if you are a new user or click the "Log In" icon if you are a returning user

Indicate that you are a 'Manager'





# **Crisis Management Support**

- 24/7 certified responder availability for sudden, overwhelming, or dangerous events (traumatic incidents)
- Preparedness consultation
- Training for key persons and peers
- Post incident counselling for individuals
- Note: Crisis Management Support is fee for service





# **Workplace Support Services**

- Standard and Customized Seminars and Workshops targeted for both Management/Leadership and Employee audiences
- Coaching and Workplace Intervention Services
- Note: Workplace Support Services are fee for service





# Thank you! Questions?

1.800.663.1142 (English)

1.866.398.9505 (French)

1.888.384.1152 (TTY)

604-689-1717 (International) (Call collect)

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