# Mental Health STIGMA



### WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA?

Mental health stigma refers to judgement or shame that society can place on those experiencing a mental health challenge, or those who seek help for emotional distress, such as anxiety or depression. Mental health stigma can come from stereotypes, or generalized beliefs that are often inaccurate, negative, and offensive. Stigma can be placed on others, and sometimes we can stigmatize ourselves.



Despite the Stigma--Mental Health Challenges are More Common Than You Think



of U.S. employers say stigmas associated with mental health and addiction are keeping workers from seeking help

## Why is this important?

Stigma can make a bad situation worse. Harmful effects of stigma can include:



Reluctance to seek help



Fewer social & work options



Diminished self worth



Lack of human connection





Feeling alone & hopeless

# Top 3 Tips to Strike Out Stigma!

#### **REMEMBER...**

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! People from all walks of life cope with mental health challenges.

#### **REACH OUT**

Don't let the fear of being labeled prevent you from seeking help. Life can be hard, getting help is easy!

#### **USE YOUR EAP**

Call Ulliance for free & confidential counseling, & help with many work/life resources.

### How can Ulliance help?

Counseling and education can help you gain self-esteem and stop self-judgement.

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