



Peer Support Group

Information and Consent

Welcome to the Peer Support Group, we are glad you have joined us! This virtual group space is offered as a confidential listening environment where students can listen to one another and offer empathy and resources in a non-judgmental virtual meeting.

Facilitation of this group is provided by Mines Counseling Center Clinical Social Work Interns and Mines Peer Educators (current Mines students), with co-facilitation offered by counselors from the Counseling Center. Clinical Interns and Peer Educators have received training in active listening, suicide prevention and resources at Mines and the larger community. They are supervised and directly report to the Assistant Director of Training at the Counseling Center. A moderator will greet participants at the start of the group to document names, CWID and physical location for attendance purposes. The attendance notes will be stored in each student's electronic health record managed by the Counseling Center and does not become part of the educational record at Mines.

Group Rules:

1. All participants and facilitators will actively attempt to respect and understand the unique needs and diverse cultural backgrounds of each student. Facilitators do not condone or engage in discrimination based on age, color, culture, disability, ethnic group, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic status.
2. All participants are responsible for creating a safe and inclusive environment through their behaviors and communication. Mutual respect of all members allows a chance to create trust.
3. Confidentiality of the group will be maintained by all members. As a group member, you are expected to adhere to the following conditions:
 - Members should not engage in discussion of group issues outside of group.
 - Members should remember that keeping confidentiality allows for an environment where trust can be built and all members can benefit from the experience.
 - Your group facilitators will monitor discussions and maintain a respectful environment to keep safety and trust a priority.
4. The only time your information may be released without your consent is in the following situations:
 - Indication by a group member of intent to physically harm themselves or another human being.
 - Alleged child abuse or mistreatment or elder abuse or mistreatment.
 - Any immediate, imminent safety concerns will immediately be reported by the facilitators to their respective supervisors.
5. Inability to follow the group rules may result in being asked to leave the group space, referral to alternative resources that are more appropriate for a member's needs such as one-to-one listening support, counseling services or other community supports.

Thank you!

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