Unplug For BlastOff! A Resource Guide for Social Media Cleanses

Virtual Mental Health Resources

1. Crisis Text Line

- Website: www.crisistextline.org
- **Description:** Free, 24/7 support via text for anyone in crisis. Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a trained counselor.

2. Teen Counseling (BetterHelp)

- Website: www.teencounseling.com
- **Description:** Online therapy platform connecting teens with licensed therapists for private and professional counseling.

3. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline)

- Website: www.988lifeline.org
- o Phone: Dial 988
- Description: 24/7 confidential support for individuals experiencing mental health crises or suicidal thoughts.

4. 7 Cups

- Website: www.7cups.com
- Description: Free online support with trained listeners and a safe space for teens to share their feelings.

5. Your School Counselor

- Description: Access your School Counselor's Virtual Office HERE
- 6. Care Solace
 - Description: Access 24/7 Mental Health Care Coordinator Service for CCS Scholars, Staff, and their Families <u>HERE</u>

Apps for Digital Well-Being

1. Headspace

- o Platform: iOS, Android
- Description: Offers mindfulness exercises and guided meditations to help reduce stress and improve focus.

2. Forest

- o **Platform:** iOS. Android
- Description: Helps users focus by growing a virtual tree that thrives when the app is not used.

3. Stay Focused

- o Platform: Android
- Description: App blocker that helps limit usage of distracting apps and websites.

4. Moment

Platform: iOS

Description: Tracks screen time and provides coaching to reduce phone usage.

5. Offtime

o **Platform:** iOS, Android

 Description: Helps disconnect from devices by blocking notifications and limiting access to certain apps.

6. Flipd

o Platform: iOS, Android

 Description: Encourages focus by locking the phone for set periods and providing progress tracking.

Recommended Reading List

- 1. "Digital Minimalism: Choosing a Focused Life in a Noisy World" by Cal Newport
 - Focuses on the benefits of reducing digital clutter and offers strategies to live a more intentional digital life.
- 2. <u>"Irresistible: The Rise of Addictive Technology and the Business of Keeping Us Hooked" by Adam Alter</u>
 - Explores how technology affects our habits and mental health, offering insights into breaking free from its grip.
- 3. <u>"The Social Dilemma: The Power of Social Media and the Need for Change"</u> (Companion Book)
 - Explores themes from the Netflix documentary, focusing on understanding and managing social media's impact.
- 4. "How to Break Up with Your Phone: The 30-Day Plan to Take Back Your Life" by Catherine Price
 - Offers a step-by-step guide to reducing phone dependency and creating healthier tech habits.
- "Selfie: How We Became So Self-Obsessed and What It's Doing to Us" by Will Storr
 - Examines the cultural and psychological impacts of social media and how it shapes self-perception.
- 6. "The Happiness Trap" by Dr. Russ Harris
 - A guide to mindfulness and ACT (Acceptance and Commitment Therapy), offering tools to improve mental health.
- 7. <u>"Unplug: A Simple Guide to Meditation for Busy Skeptics and Modern Soul Seekers" by Suze Yalof Schwartz</u>
 - Helps readers integrate mindfulness and meditation into their daily routines.