

Your Employee and Family Assistance Program

Get to know your EFAP



Everyone faces challenging and stressful events in their lives. Most of the time we can handle these situations ourselves; other times we could benefit from some support.

Your EFAP is a professional, confidential, and proactive service to support you with a wide range of personal, family, and work-related concerns.

What benefits are available to me?

Your EFAP is here for you whenever you need it, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year.

Within a confidential environment you can receive counselling for any challenge — whether it's a first step in facing a possible addiction, or managing day-to-day stress.

We guarantee your confidentiality.

We are Homewood Health, a trusted company with years of experience delivering the best possible support for clients like you. Everyone is guaranteed confidentiality within the limits of the law. You won't be identified to anybody — including your employer.

People frequently use an EFAP for personal challenges such as relationship concerns, family or parenting issues, anxiety, depression, addictions, grief, coping with health issues, or work-related challenges.

We will match you with a counsellor who suits your needs and provide you with short-term solutions.

If you are identified as requiring additional, longer-term treatment or specialized support, our counsellors will refer you to community-based resources and programs which suit your unique needs.

How does the counselling program work?

Counselling services can be offered face-to-face, over the phone, through video, or online. Offices are local and appointments are made quickly, with your convenience in mind. If you have a preference for location, gender, or appointment time, we'll do our best to accommodate your preferences.

When you need to speak with someone, simply call Homewood Health — staff will ask you for some basic information (to establish your eligibility for this benefit) and will help set up an initial appointment at a time that is convenient for you. An experienced counsellor will assess your concerns and help you develop practical solutions.

Life Smart Coaching

Life Smart Coaching is a suite of telephonic services that offers assessments, coaching, and resources; each service has been developed to allow you to take a proactive approach to managing everyday challenges.

A Life Smart intake counsellor will contact you within 72 hours to offer you an appointment with an appropriate specialist.

Life Smart Coaching Services include three major components with service options for each area:

Life Balance Solutions

- New Parent Support
- Childcare and Parenting
- Elder and Family Care



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- Relationship Solutions
- Financial Coaching
- Legal Advisory Services
- Grief and Loss

Health Smart Coaching Services

- Nutritional Coaching
- Lifestyle Changes
- Jumpstart your Wellness
- Smoking Cessation

Career Smart Coaching Services

- Career Planning
- Workplace Issues
- Pre-Retirement Planning
- Shift Worker Support

Online Services – Homeweb

Homeweb is part of your Employee and Family Assistance Program. You can access Homeweb on your phone, tablet, or desktop. Homeweb offers you the ability to create an individual profile, receive personalized content recommendations, and access lots of helpful resources — anywhere, anytime.

Access Homeweb for interactive tools, health and wellness assessments, child and elder care resource locators, and a library of health, life balance, and workplace articles.

i-Volve: Online CBT. i-Volve is an online, self-paced treatment program for depression and anxiety using the best practice treatment approach, cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT).

This innovative treatment program will guide you through exercises that examine and test how you interpret and perceive external stimulation. These insights will help you change and adapt the ways in which you think, feel, and react in various situations. i-Volve will help you to identify, challenge and overcome your anxious and/or depressive thoughts, behaviours and emotions.

How do I register for Homeweb?

Step One: Visit www.homeweb.ca and click 'Sign Up'.

Step Two: Enter information into the required fields, choose an email and password, and click 'Next Step'. Then, type in your company name and click 'Find it!' Select the correct company

from the list provided. If you do not see your company listed, check the spelling and try again.

Step Three: Let us know how you are covered by Homewood, (e.g. through your organization or the organization of a family member), and let us know your relationship to the organization (e.g. employee, spouse, dependent, etc.). Submit the additional information required and click 'Sign In' at the bottom of the page.

Search, browse, and get expert support.

What if I'm in crisis?

Homewood Health staff are prepared to take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **Help is always available.**

Who do I contact?

To speak to someone in confidence, for crisis services (24 hours a day) or to book an appointment contact us today by calling the number below.

Eligibility

Who is eligible? The EFAP is available to employees of the University of Toronto who are eligible to participate in the University's group benefit programs, and their dependents: spouses, partners (including same-sex partners) and dependent children. This program is provided at no cost to you.

Support Resources Offered by the University of Toronto

The EFAP enhances the existing University of Toronto support resources available to staff and faculty outlined below. Where appropriate the EFAP will refer you to these services. For links and detailed information, please go to www.equity.utoronto.ca.

Anti-Racism & Cultural Diversity Office 416-978-1259

AODA Office 416-978-7236

Career Development (ODLC) 416-978-2066

Community Safety Office 416-978-1485

Family Care Office 416-978-0951

Health & Well-being Programs & Services 416-946-0537

Sexual & Gender Diversity Office 416-946-5624

Tri-Campus Sexual Violence Prevention & Support Centre
416-978-2266

Contact us to learn more.

1-800-663-1142 | TTY: 1-888-384-1152

International (Call Collect): 604-689-1717

Numéro sans frais - en français : 1-866-398-9505

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