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Understanding Mental Health

by Alberta Health Services

Mental Health is complicated. There are so many ways to talk about it and it can get confusing. To better understand, Mental Health Literacy developed a tool known as "the pyramid" that consists of four layers. The base of the pyramid is the largest, which is related to the number of individuals in this state. Therefore, as the pyramid gets smaller so does the amount of people who may experience this state. Let's take a closer look at what the four levels of the pyramid are.

1. No Distress, Problem, or Disorder

This is the bottom level and the largest of the pyramid. This is when everything is okay, and you are not experiencing any mental distress, problems, or disorders.

2. Mental Distress

The next layer up is mental distress. Distress releases a signal from our brain indicating the need to adapt to our environment and that there is a problem to solve. Triggers of distress are unavoidable, but the process is necessary for life-skills promoting and building resilience. An example is having an argument with your boss. Once you figure out a solution the mental distress goes away.

3. Mental Health Problem

The second layer from the top is mental health problems, which can mean that we are having difficulties and may need external help such as counselling or community support. This can arise from a stressor of great amount, such as the death of a loved one.

4. Mental Disorder/Illness

Located at the top of the pyramid is mental illness. This occurs when there is disruption in usual brain functioning. This disruption is the result of our genes and our environment from the time of conception and throughout our life. Examples of this can be the diagnosis of ADHD, Clinical Depression, and Anxiety.

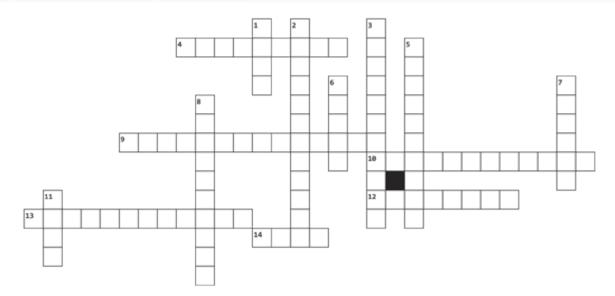
Now that we have a better understanding of these terms, here are everyday things you can do for your mental health, also known as the "Big Five to Thrive!"

- Exercise: This could be a walk in the community or a session at the gym.
- **Sleep:** The optimal amount needed varies for everyone. Put away your phone and snuggle up for a good night's sleep.
- Supportive Relationships: Develop and maintain positive relationships with family, friends, and community. Surround yourself with those who lift you up.
- **Nutrition:** Incorporate healthy foods that are easy to make and taste great!
- **Helping Others:** Get involved in your community coalitions or volunteer with local charities.

It has been shown that improving even one of these areas translates to improvement in the other areas. Consider steps that are realistic for you to better your mental health!



January Crossword



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- 4. Every year on January 11, Sir John A. _____ Day is observed in Canada.
- 9. Premiering on January 6, 1975, this game show features multiple contestants working with the alphabet to try and solve a puzzle. It has 41 seasons.
- 10. In 1904, the first New Year's celebration was held in Times Square to celebrate the new headquarters of this popular publishing company.
- 12. January is known for being the coldest month in this hemisphere.
- 13. Before being turned into a film, *The Girl on the Train* was written by _____ and published on January 6, 2015.
- 14. Born on January 25, 1981, this talented Alicia sings "No one" and "If I Ain't Got You".



Down

- People born between December 22 and January 22 are considered Capricorns. Interestingly, this word comes from 'Capricornus' which means in Latin.
- 2. A true Canadian icon, this former hockey player was born on January 26, 1961, and holds the nickname "The Great One".
- 3. This gruelling survival film came out on January 8, 2016, finally winning Leonardo DiCaprio his long-awaited Oscar.
- 5. This British singer songwriter was born on January 10, 1945, and is known for his raspy voice and his album *Every Picture Tells a Story*.
- 6. This two-faced God is the symbol of January in ancient Roman myth.
- 7. This stone is the official birthstone for January and is meant to keep you safe when travelling.
- 8. On January 25, 1961, Disney put out the spotted masterpiece, *101* ______.
- 11. This iconic single from Canada's own Justin Bieber features Ludacris and was released and available for digital download on January 18, 2010.



Sage Hill / Nolan Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Sage Hill
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Median Asking Price	Median Sold Price
November 2023	\$349,900.00	\$347,500.00
October 2023	\$356,950.00	\$349,750.00
September 2023	\$355,000.00	\$365,000.00
August 2023	\$367,450.00	\$371,250.00
July 2023	\$349,900.00	\$368,000.00
June 2023	\$464,450.00	\$470,393.00
May 2023	\$384,999.00	\$382,000.00
April 2023	\$425,000.00	\$424,900.00
March 2023	\$335,000.00	\$350,200.00
February 2023	\$349,999.00	\$355,000.00
January 2023	\$549,900.00	\$495,000.00
December 2022	\$298,800.00	\$280,000.00

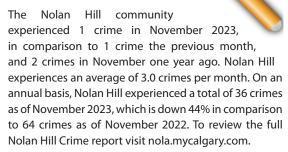
Last 12 Months Nolan Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Median Asking Price	Median Sold Price
November 2023	\$510,000.00	\$507,875.00
October 2023	\$554,950.00	\$559,319.00
September 2023	\$664,999.50	\$682,000.00
August 2023	\$625,000.00	\$658,000.00
July 2023	\$673,950.00	\$685,000.00
June 2023	\$515,000.00	\$520,000.00
May 2023	\$675,000.00	\$645,000.00
April 2023	\$627,000.00	\$629,250.00
March 2023	\$585,000.00	\$620,000.00
February 2023	\$419,900.00	\$423,950.00
January 2023	\$534,900.00	\$521,350.00
December 2022	\$674,900.00	\$650,000.00

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **sgh.mycalgary.com** or **nol.mycalgary.com**

CRIME STATISTICS

Nolan Hill Crime Activity was Unchanged in November 2023

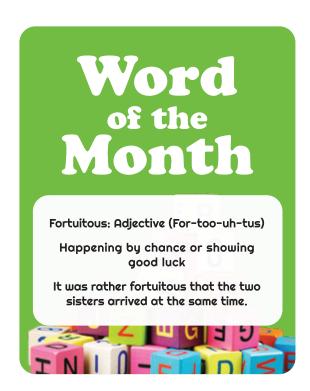


Sage Hill Crime Activity was Up in November 2023

The Sage Hill community experienced 4 crimes in November 2023, in comparison to 2 crimes the previous month, and 6 crimes in November one year ago. Sage Hill experiences an average of 7.0 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Sage Hill experienced a total of 84 crimes as of November 2023, which is down 26% in comparison to 113 crimes as of November 2022. To review the full Sage Hill Crime report visit sage.mycalgary.com.

How To Report Crime In Nolan Hill | Sage Hill: Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress. For non-emergencies dial (403) 266-1234. To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at crimestoppers.ab.ca, or text tttTIPS to 274637.









Dear Symons Valley Communities,

Happy New Year! As I bid farewell to the year behind us, I find myself filled with gratitude and excitement for the adventures that await us in the coming year, and I am genuinely grateful to be a part of such a vibrant and caring community.

Our community is a canvas painted with unique stories, experiences, and individuals. Let's cherish this diversity that makes our community truly special. Let's continue to uplift each other, celebrate our achievements, and navigate challenges hand in hand, building up our communities together.

Last month I reflected on the challenges we faced in the past, and I recognize that our journey is far from over. In the spirit of unity and generosity, we are reaching out to you, our cherished community, seeking your support through donations and volunteerism.

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Your kindness and support can be the driving forces behind our shared success.

Wishing you a New Year filled with joy, prosperity, and the satisfaction of knowing you've made a difference!

Warm regards,

Kris McPherson

President



RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Stargazing with Pat J: Hubble vs The James Webb Space Telescope

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Named for celebrated astronomer Edwin Hubble, the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) went into orbit on



April 24, 1990. Still operational 33 years later, it continues to produce breathtaking images of planets and galaxies.

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), named after the NASA Administrator of the Apollo program, rocketed into space on December 25, 2021. Designed to complement the aging Hubble which observes objects in the shorter wavelengths of ultraviolet and visual light, JWST's primary focus is on the other end of the spectrum, the longer wavelengths of the infrared. This makes Hubble and JWST a formidable pair of observatories that together cover a broad wavelength range.

Because the universe is expanding, as a galaxy moves away from Earth, its light wave is stretched; causing it to appear red (infrared). Conversely, a galaxy moving toward us has its light wave compressed; causing it to appear blue (ultraviolet).



How HST and JWST Compare

Location: HST: In low Earth orbit at an altitude of 547 kms. JWST: 1.5 million kms from Earth at a point in space known as Lagrange 2.

Size: HST: School bus. JWST: Tennis court.

Light observed: HST: Ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared light, JWST: Near and mid infrared light.

Mirror surface: HST: 4.5 sq. metres. JWST: 25 sq. metres. As its larger mirror can gather more light, it can view objects 100 times fainter than the Hubble can see.

Maintenance: HST: Was repaired and upgraded by the now obsolete Space Shuttle. JWST: Is too far from Earth to repair.

Mission Lifetime: HST: Will remain operational as long as its instruments are functioning. JWST: Minimum expected lifespan is five years but may go beyond ten years. This will depend on how long its propellant, which is needed to keep it stable in orbit, will last.



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Happy New Year Residents of Calgary-Foothills!

I hope you enjoyed a safe and healthy holiday season! I am kicking off the new year in Calgary before heading to the provincial legislature in Edmonton. January/ February is a great time to book a meeting with me to share your thoughts about our government or an issue you care about. I will be hosting "Coffees with Court" on most Fridays from January 12 to February 23 from 9:00 to 10:30 am at Good Earth Coffee House (31 Crowfoot Terrace NW). Please drop by and email Calgary.Foothills@assembly.ab.ca to sign up!

My priorities remain the same - to represent and serve you and your neighbours, amplify your voice, and highlight the issues that concern our community. Top of my list continues to be advocating for the construction of local schools and ensuring adequate funding for the schools we have. I am also concerned about upcoming healthcare changes, and the fact that the government has not provided enough investment into attracting more doctors, healthcare, and frontline workers to reduce our wait times and surgery backlog. I'm continuing to promote Calgary's tech ecosystem to grow our economy and am calling on the government to repeal the renewable energy ban that put \$33 billion of projects at risk. We must prioritize ways to attract investment while also protecting our environment.

Finally, I continue to hear from folks concerned about the removal of their CPP. Please join me on January 23 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for a Pension Town Hall at Dalhousie Community Association (5432 Dalhart Road NW) to share your thoughts. RSVP at tinyurl. com/pensiontownhall.

A reminder that you can keep up with my work by following me on social media @CourtEllingson. Don't hesitate to contact Calgary.foothills@assembly.ab.ca to volunteer or to learn how your MLA can support you!

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