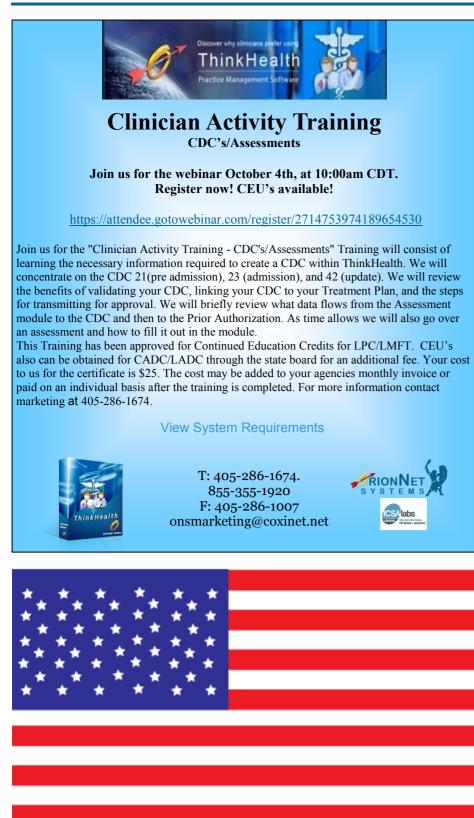
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A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

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Why fathers must talk about their mental health

In recent months, notable pillars of traditional masculinity, including NBA players DeMar DeRozan and Kevin Love, and muscular action heroes Dwayne Johnson and Ryan Reynolds, have publicly addressed their experiences with anxiety and depression. While I would never wish either on anyone, I was glad to see them talk about it, and use their platforms to show that men's mental health is a serious issue that needs to be discussed, especially by those we perceive as too tough to do so.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 1 – 30 Healthy Aging Month

September 1 – 30 National Recovery Month

September 1 – 30 World Alzheimer's Month

September 1 – 30 Sexual Health Awareness Month

September 3 Lab<u>or Day</u>

September 7 Motivational Interviewing for Wellness **ODMHSAS** More Information

September 9 National Grandparents Day More Information

September 9-15 National Suicide Prevention Week More Information

September 13 2018 Justice and Recovery Conference OKC, OK More Information

September 21 Mental Health First Aid Adults **ODMHSAS** More Information

September 22 Fall Prevention Day More Information

September 24 Mental Health First Aid Youth **ODMHSAS** More Information

September 26 National School Backpack Awareness Day Back to School More Information

September 26 National Women's Health and <u>Fitness Day</u> World Heart Federation More Information

September 27-28 Seeking Safety: A model for trauma

The impact of their actions on fatherhood is especially important. Dads are shaping modern conversations about masculinity and men's mental health, and they are determining the collective lessons for the future, for their children, for their sons.

These celebrities are modeling the idea that acknowledging personal struggles does not make a man weak. Rather, their speaking out challenges the outdated definition of manliness as detached stoicism or brawn over brain. Their courage to defy the silence surrounding men's mental health has inspired others to speak up and seek help.

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National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

"Promotes the societal benefits of treatment for substance use and mental disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment providers, and promotes the message that recovery of in all its forms is possible. *Recovery* Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover." The 2011 Recovery Month observance aims to educate the public on the positive changes that national health care reform will have on access to needed recovery services for substance use and mental disorders.

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experts say you should stop using in autism conversation Twenty-seven-year-old Christopher Pauley MENTAL health experts say words thought he had it all figured out when it have enormous power — and there are came to looking for a job. He had a some you should stop using in detailed spreadsheet of each and every conversation. position he applied for - at least 600. A new charter has been launched today But despite his degree in computer science to raise awareness of the right and

from California Polytechnic State wrong language to use when talking University, he went two years with barely about mental illness and suicide. Even when not used malicious, terms a nibble. such as nutter, lunatic, psycho, schizo,

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Did he get discouraged? "Oh my gosh, my morale really started to drop towards the end," he said. "In fact, there were days where I would either hardly fill out any applications at all, or just simply not apply on anything."

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College QB Brandon Dawkins on stepping away: Game was 'getting me depressed'

Brandon Dawkins wrote in an Instagram post Wednesday night that he stepped away from footballto address his mental health.

"I am grateful for the sports psychology team at both Arizona and Indiana for helping me at some of the lowest points in my life. The game has getting me depressed and hurting my well-being," he wrote.

"As my mental health is deteriorating I have decided to take a break from the game. I know now that I need to take care of ME. I need to make myself important. I have not properly taken care of myself."

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Stephen Colbert Gets Honest About
Anxiety And What Helps Him Cope

How to spot (and deal with) an energy vampire

For Stephen Colbert, performing in front They leave you feeling drained after of an audience isn't a source of anxiety it's his escape from it. The "Late Show with Stephen Colbert" host, 54, opened up to Rolling Stone this charming, charismatic and the life-ofweek about living with anxiety when he the-party personality. They also may was younger. He discussed the behaviors it provoked and the different methods he tried to manage it. "I had a bit of a nervous breakdown after I got married — kind of panic attacks," he told the publication. "My wife would go off to work and she'd come home because I worked at night — and I'd be literally zaps your energy dry," Judith walking around the couch. And she's like, 'How was your day?' And I'd say, 'You're looking at it.' Just tight circles around the couch.'

every conversation. They want your nonstop attention and the conversation is always about them. They may be cheat. They may lie. And it's probably someone else's fault when something goes wrong. These are some (but certainly not all) of the traits you might run across in someone who is an "energy vampire." "An energy vampire is somebody who Orloff, MD, a psychiatrist on the University of California-Los Angeles Psychiatric Clinical Faculty, tells NBC News BETTER.

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