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# DBSA-CS FREE SELF-HELP SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS, LOCATIONS, & TIMES

<u>WEATHER ALERTS</u>: IF SCHOOL DISTRICTS CLOSE, IN-PERSON MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED. CHECK THE OFFICE VOICEMAIL 719-477-1515 FOR MEETING CANCELATION NOTIFICATIONS

## In-Person Free Self-help Support Group Meetings Schedule

#### **DBSA-CS Westside**

<u>Young Adults and Teens Group</u>\* Ages 15-25 with mood disorders: The Sanctuary Church, 1930 W. Colorado Ave., Park in back and use ramp to enter building. \**Release of Liability required for teens under 18.* **Tuesdays, 7:00pm.** 

<u>Family & Friends Group</u> For family members, including husbands, wives, & friends of people with mood disorders: The Sanctuary Church, 1930 W. Colorado Ave. Park in back and use ramp to enter building. **Tuesdays, 7:00pm.** 

### **DBSA-CS Central**

<u>Veterans' Group</u> For individuals with history in the armed forces (past or current) and living with mood disorders. Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center, 530 Communication Circle. **Tuesdays, 7:00pm.** 

<u>Dual Diagnosis Group</u> Open to anyone who lives with a mood disorder *AND* addiction (alcohol, other drugs, shopping, food, gambling, etc.) 5455 N. Union Blvd. **Mondays, 6:00pm**.

<u>Womens' Group</u>: For women with mood disorders: Downstairs Peel House Billiards Room, First Lutheran Church, 1515 N. Cascade Ave. Entrance next to alley parking area. **Tuesdays, 11:30am.** 

<u>Seniors' Group</u> For older adults with depression or bipolar disorder: Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock Ave. Two blocks North of Uintah in the brand new Senior Center building. **Wednesdays, 12:30pm.** 

#### **DBSA-CS Southeast**

<u>Adults' Group</u> For adults with mood disorders: Park Hill Fire Station, 3737 Airport Rd. **Wednesdays, 7:00pm**. **NOTE:** *No meetings on 2nd Wednesdays of the month.* 

#### **DBSA-CS Northeast**

Adults' Group For adults with mood disorders: Sunrise United Methodist Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd. Thursdays, 7:00pm.

## Virtual Support Group Meeting

**LGBTQIA+ Adults Virtual Group**, **Sundays**, **4:00 PM**, Online via Zoom For individuals 18+ with depression or bipolar disorder who identify as members of the LGBTQIA+ community. VIRTUAL (contact DBSA-CS for Zoom link: 719-477-1515 *OR* www.DBSAColoradoSprings.org)

The above free support groups are offered by DBSA Colorado Springs, an award-winning independent affiliate of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA). For more information about these groups, call **1-719-477-1515**, or go to **www.DBSAColoradoSprings.org**.

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## **Mood Disorder Spectrum**

#### **Depression**

- Prolonged sadness; unexplained crying spells
- Significant changes in appetite and sleep patterns; unexplained aches and pains
- Irritability, anger, agitation, anxiety
- Pessimism, indifference, worry
- Loss of energy, persistent exhaustion
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness and/or hopelessness; social withdrawal
- · Inability to concentrate, indecisiveness
- Inability to take pleasure in former interests
- Excessive consumption of alcohol or use of chemical substances
- Recurring thoughts of death or suicide (This symptom alone indicates the person should see a doctor—regardless of any other symptoms.)

#### Mania

- · Increased physical and mental activity
- Exaggerated optimism and self-confidence
- Grandiose thoughts, inflated sense of self-importance; increased energy
- Excessive irritability, aggressive behavior
- · Decreased need for sleep without feeling tired
- · Racing speech, racing thoughts
- Reckless behavior such as spending sprees, impulsive decisions, erratic driving and sexual indiscretions; impulsiveness, poor judgment
- In severe cases, delusions and hallucinations
- Denial that anything is wrong

## **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Symptom Checklist**

- 1. Bothered by unwanted memories, nightmares, flashbacks, or reminders
- 2. Loss of enjoyment for things, avoiding people
- 3. Difficulty experiencing feelings
- 4. Hypervigilance
- 5. Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)
- 6. Poor sleep, poor concentration, irritability
- 7. Feeling concerned or untrusting about activities and people
- 8. Addictive behavior

## **Steps Toward Recovery** and Wellness

- 1. Peer Support
- 2. Professional Therapy
- 3. Medications as prescribed
- 4. Healthy Diet
- 5. Regular Exercise
- 6. Increase Your Knowledge about Mood Disorders to Help Yourself and Your Family

### **Our Values**

Peer Focus: We prioritize shared experiences, fostering an environment where individuals inspire and uplift one another.

**Acceptance**: In our inclusive space, we celebrate diversity, championing understanding, respect, and appreciation for all perspectives.

Freedom: We ensure free universal access to our services, eliminating financial barriers and enabling everyone to participate in their well-being journey.

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DBSA Colorado Springs does not provide treatment, but offers a free supplement to medical, pharmacological, and psychotherapeutic treatment.

The DBSA Colorado Springs Administrative Office is located at 1586 S. 21st Street, COS 80904. For information about our self-help support groups and other programs we offer, call 719- 477-1515