

GROUP EXPERIENCES

Fall 2025

Support Groups

Grief & Loss

Wednesdays
5:00-6:30 PM
9/10-12/3
Foust 136

Survivor Support

Wednesdays
3:00-4:30 PM
9/10-12/3
Foust 135

Coping & Wellness

Executive Function Strategies

Tuesdays
5:00-6:30 PM
9/9-12/2
Foust 135

The Art of Managing Anxiety

Wednesdays
5:00-6:30 PM
9/10-12/3
Foust 135

The Relaxation Hour

Fridays
11:00 AM -12:00 PM
9/12-12/5
Foust 135

Therapy Dogs & Art

Open Door Art

Fridays
12:00-4:45 PM
9/5-12/5
Foust 134

Pause for Paws - Therapy Dogs

2nd & 4th Friday of each Month
3:00-4:45 PM
9/12-11/14
Location: UC (check @cmucounseling Instagram for location changes)

Connection

Let's Connect

Wednesdays
2:00-3:45 PM
9/3-12/3
Location: UC - CSID

Chillaxin with Elizabeth

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
7:00-8:30 PM
9/10-11/12
Location: TBD



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DESCRIPTIONS

Grief & Loss Support Group

You do not have to grieve alone. Meet with others to face the challenges of grieving and create a community of connection and support. Each person's grief journey is unique and respected. Group is primarily discussion based with some activities such as developing one's own healing rituals, letter writing and art making.

Leader: Michelle Bigard (bigar1mf@cmich.edu)

Survivor Support

This support group is open to anyone who has been impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and/or stalking. The content of the group varies from week to week, but there is no obligation or pressure to share your story to attend.

Leader: Aileen Guerra-Morales (guerr1a@cmich.edu)

Executive Function Strategies

Do you struggle to manage your time/tasks, have a hard time asking for help, saying "no" to things you want to do, but don't have time to do? Learn strategies to help with prioritizing, organizing/shifting between tasks, and staying focused/regulating attention. Build or improve your skills and improve your classroom performance.

Leader: Anna Grajek (graje1am@cmich.edu)

The Art of Managing Anxiety

Combine calming and expressive art activities while getting and providing support along with others who can relate. Learn new anxiety management strategies as well as tangible skills and tools you can use to address anxiety while sharing what has worked for you with each other.

Leader: Atefeh Jenrow (jenro1ae@cmich.edu)

The Relaxation Hour

End your week with relaxation and self-care. Each class will begin with a grounding exercise, following by some gentle stretching, and end with a guided meditation and time for total relaxation. Over the course of the semester, we will practice several types of relaxation exercises to help calm your nervous system and reduce stress.

Leader: Julie Fortino Shurtliff (fort1ja@cmich.edu)

Let's Connect

A time to relax, ask questions about mental health, create art, and connect with a counselor. Feel free to drop in for a few minutes or spend the entire time connecting.

Alternating Leaders: Elizabeth Husbands (husba1e@cmich.edu) and Julie Fortino Shurtliff (forti1ja@cmich.edu)

Pause for Paws

Take a moment to relax with a therapy dog. Dogs are present the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month. Meets in the UC (check @cmucounseling Instagram).

Leader: Margy with Therapy Dogs International

Open Door Art

The art room is open all afternoon. Come create your own art. Materials are provided, but feel free to bring your own supplies/projects as well. You are welcome to drop in for any period of time. This drop in space is self-directed.

Questions are directed to: Kristie Miner (birch1kl@cmich.edu)

Chillaxin' with Elizabeth

A support group for students with minoritized identities.

Leader: Elizabeth Husbands (husba1e@cmich.edu)