GW WELL-BEING RESOURCES
BENEFITS-ELIGIBLE FACULTY AND STAFF

Tending to the needs of work, home, caregiving and personal interests is a rewarding feat, yet it can also take a toll on one’s overall well-being. As a GW employee, you have access to a number of different resources that make it easier to prioritize your health as we continue to build our community of well-being. We encourage you to explore the programs below under our 4 pillars of well-being - emotional, social, financial, and physical, as a way for you and your family to improve and maintain a healthy lifestyle both at work and at home.

EMOTIONAL

Resources for Living
GW’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP) supports benefits-eligible employees and members of their household. The EAP Services are confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The program offers support in several ways including:

- Receive five confidential counseling sessions per issue at no cost.
- Request work-life service searches for support, such as local childcare centers; ask basic legal questions, such as how to create a will.
- Schedule a free 30-minute consultation with a financial professional to discuss financial needs and help resolve issues.

Access the GW EAP
- Visit myGW. In the upper right corner, select log in. In the left navigation menu, under the tools tab, select My Benefits at GW, then select Employee Assistance Program.

Talkspace through GW’s EAP
In lieu of in-person counseling through the EAP, benefits-eligible employees and members of their household (15 years and up) may use Talkspace, an online therapy platform. The app is available through the EAP at no cost for five weeks of text or televideo counseling (per issue). GW employees must first register through the Resources for Living website. The five weeks are to be used within a 120-day window and do not need to be consecutive weeks.

Headspace, the mindfulness app, is available at no cost to all faculty and staff. This daily tool provides meditation, sleep, and children’s programs. The “Move” section includes running, walking and yoga exercises offered in time increments from 5 - 20 minutes. If you have never meditated before, Headspace has a 10-day beginner’s course called “the Basics” that will teach you the essentials of meditation. You can also explore a variety of themes such as health, work, relationships, and more.

Access Headspace
- Sign up using your computer or device, such as a tablet or iphone. To use on a tablet or phone, the Headspace app will need to be downloaded first.
- Only your @gwu.edu email address can be used to sign up and verify that you are a GW employee.

SOCIAL

The role of a caregiver is the fastest growing demographic in the workforce and at times can demand endless energy, patience, and create schedule conflicts. GW offers Bright Horizons Enhanced Family Supports™ for our family care benefit, which includes a variety of programs listed below to support and provide flexibility to you and your family:

- Expanded in-center back-up care at Bright Horizons centers
- In-home care for children and adults through Bright Horizons
- Before/After School care
- Discounted education support and tutoring
- An Elder Care program to assist you in developing care plans for aging relatives
- A Sittercity membership at no cost
- Assistance with full-time nanny placement for a discounted cost
- Early Years in-center childcare discounts and more

Benefit-eligible employees must first register on the GW/Bright Horizons microsite to access services. Please note: Faculty and staff are eligible for up to 10 back-up care days per calendar year.
FINANCIAL

As members of the GW community, employees are eligible for special discounts from pet insurance, group home and auto, and identity protection to show tickets and more!

You are also invited to join our GW exclusive financial well-being campaign! Throughout the campaign event series, we raise awareness about the importance of financial literacy and how to engage in smart money management habits, as well as explore additional strategies, tools, and resources that can help you to improve your financial well-being and reach your financial goals.

Additionally, GW Retirement plan participants can schedule financial counseling by appointment with TIAA or Fidelity to gain more understanding about the retirement plans, available investments, creating a savings plan, and more.

The healthcare system can be tricky to navigate. As a GW employee, you are automatically enrolled in Health Advocate at no cost regardless of whether you are on a GW medical plan. With your health advocate, you and your family have someone in your corner to help. From resolving claim questions or issues and untangling medical bills to scheduling appointments to receiving clinical advice, your health advocate can help answer your questions and guide you to the right care that will save you both time and money. Health Advocate calls are unlimited, available 24/7, and are completely confidential. Call (866) 695-8622 or visit healthadvocate.com/gwu to get connected to an advocate.

PHYSICAL

Quit For Life®

It's never too late to quit. All GW faculty and staff, as well as members of their households, are eligible to participate in GW's smoking cessation program, Quit For Life®, on Rally Coach at no cost. The program will support you as you transition to a new lifestyle, teaching you skills and techniques to successfully quit smoking. From educational materials to basic healthcare, a customized quitting plan, and a supportive online community, this program may be exactly what you need to start living a healthier life. Register today by visiting quitnow.net.

Lerner Health & Wellness

Getting in shape just got easier! Join the GW Lerner Health and Wellness Foggy Bottom Campus Gym at a reduced membership rate available to faculty and staff. Members have access to spacious free weights, weight machines, and cardiovascular fitness areas, as well as a suspended jogging track, a lap pool, and basketball and racquetball courts. The center’s multipurpose room can be used for aerobics, dance, yoga and other activities. If you choose, benefit-eligible employees may pay for the discounted gym membership via payroll deduction. Please note: To enter the facility, you will need your GWWorld card handy.

Active & Fit Direct

All GW employees as well as your spouse or domestic partner are eligible to enroll for a discounted gym membership with the Active & Fit Direct program. Gain access to thousands of ways to workout at gyms and premium exercise studios nationwide. You can also enjoy on-demand workout videos and 1:1 well-being coaching to help you reach your health and fitness goals from the comfort of your home. Use the zip code search to see which exercise centers participate in your area.

Capital Bikeshare

GW benefit-eligible faculty and staff are eligible for a discounted Capital Bikeshare annual membership of only $25 (regularly $85). Choose any of the over 300 stations across Washington, D.C., Arlington and Alexandria, VA and Montgomery County, MD and return your bike to any station near your destination. For details and to receive your discount code please complete the Capital Bikeshare Discount Code Form. Please note: The discount is limited to one code per year per employee for new annual memberships or when your annual membership ends and cannot be applied to existing annual memberships.
The GW PPO and GW Health Savings Plan include behavioral health benefits that offer services to support conditions like depression, ADHD, anxiety and substance abuse recovery services. Telmental health is also included in your benefits.

Find a behavioral health provider and schedule appointments at myuhc.com. You can also visit the Live and Work Well website, login with the same credentials as you use for myuhc.com.

Real Appeal is a free weight-loss support program available to eligible employees and their adult dependents covered on a GW medical plan with a BMI of 25 or greater. This virtual program uses live online coaching, group sessions and highly interactive weekly internet videos to drive small behavior changes. Participants receive a welcome kit that includes recipes, a portion plate, food scales, and more. You can get started today by visiting gwu.realappeal.com.

Expecting? Congratulations! The maternity support program available to those on a GW medical plan at no cost will help expectant mothers and fathers throughout the pregnancy journey. You can read up on educational materials, find information about coordination of care, and get access to experienced registered nurses as well as financial incentives. Get started by visiting myuhc.com/maternity and completing the Maternity Support Assessment.

Managing cancer is difficult. If you or a family member has been diagnosed or has risk factors for cancer, the Cancer Support Program is available to assist through the GW PPO and HSOp medical plans. The program is designed to provide you and your family with compassionate guidance, resources, and access to experts for navigating treatment options and specialized facilities as well as provide access to hospice services and palliative care, education for survivors on prevention of future cancers, and end-of-life care transition and support for survivors. There is no cost to participate in this program and you can enroll at any time.

Maximize the use of your medical plan and medical spending with Castlight - offered at no cost for GW employees, spouses and adult dependents covered under a GW health plan. With Castlight, you can create your personal care team, track claims, manage your healthcare spend, compare costs and providers, stay on top of your preventive care visits and screenings, and so much more! To register, visit mycastlight.com/GW.

SimpleTherapy is a holistic muscle and joint healthcare platform that delivers accessible, personalized, and clinically appropriate care to help manage pain, and chronic conditions, and optimize overall health. Members will have unlimited access to self-guided sessions from preventative care to pain management that adapt to individual progress to achieve ideal outcomes without sacrificing member safety. SimpleTherapy is backed by a team of clinicians that help facilitate member progress through 11 virtual Physical Therapy consults and 24/7/365 health coaching access. This benefit is available at no cost to GW medical plan participants and covered dependents aged 13 and up.

You can also complete a movement assessment to get a more detailed evaluation of your movement strengths, weaknesses, and deficiencies. Movement assessments help accelerate progress and equip the clinical team with detailed information to help accelerate a members progress. You can begin using the benefit immediately after you activate your account.
GET IN TOUCH

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) including Talkspace
(866) 522-8509
hr.gwu.edu/eap

Headspace
teamsupport@headspace.com
hr.gwu.edu/headspace

Health Advocate
(866) 695-8622
healthadvocate.com/gwu

TIAA
(800) 842-2776
tiaa.org/gwu

Fidelity Investments
(800) 343-0860
NETBENEFITS.com/GW

Bright Horizons Family Care
(877) 242-2737
hr.gwu.edu/family_care

Quit for Life
(866) QUIT-4-LIFE (784-8454)
guittnow.net

Lerner Health and Wellness
(202) 994-1532
campusrecreation.gwu.edu/faculty-staff-membership

Active & Fit Direct
(844) 646-2746
activeandfitdirect.com/search

Capital Bikeshare
(877) 430-BIKE (2453)
hr.gwu.edu/capital-bikeshare

UnitedHealthcare
(877) 706-1739
member.uhc.com/myuhc

Real Appeal
(844) 924-REAL (7325)
gwu.realappeal.com

Maternity Support Program
(888) 246-7389
hr.gwu.edu/uhc-maternity-support-program

Cancer Support Program
(866) 936-6002
hr.gwu.edu/medical_benefits

Castlight
(866) 970-2289
hr.gwu.edu/castlight

SimpleTherapy
(800) 644-2478
hr.gwu.edu/simpletherapy

GW Benefits
Contact us at benefits@gwu.edu or (571) 553-8382 for assistance with any of your GW benefit programs.