## Mind Your Mental Health

## Five tips to help someone who may be depressed

- 1. Educate yourself about depression, its symptoms and treatment options.
- 2. Put yourself in the person's shoes—don't judge or criticize.
- 3. Remember that the depressed person's behavior isn't indicative of the "real" person.
- 4. Be patient and let the person know that you will be involved in the treatment for however long it takes.
- Offer hope in whatever form the person will accept it.



