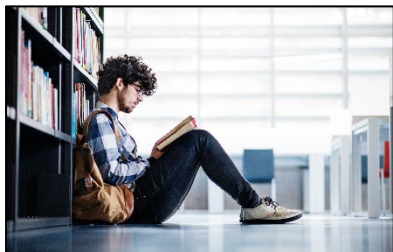


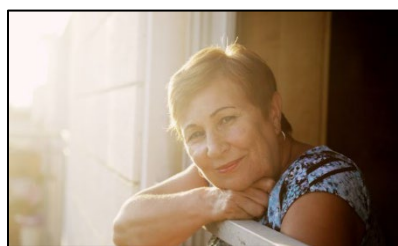
Prolonged stress keeps the body on high alert and can put your overall well-being and heart health at risk. In recognition of American Heart Month, explore the resources below and visit your Achieve Solutions website to learn more about how you can address stress.



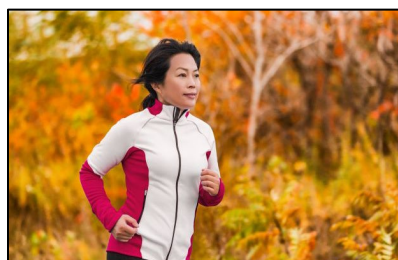
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