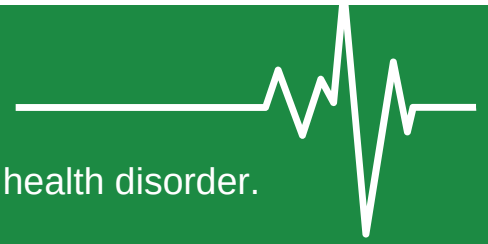


# Children's Mental Health Awareness

## Important Facts and Figures



1 in 5 children experiences, or will experience, a mental health disorder.

1 in 6 U.S. children aged 2-8 years (17.4%) have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder.

Among children aged 2-8 years, boys are more likely than girls to have a mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder.

Among children living below 100% of the federal poverty level, more than 1 in 5 (22%) has a mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder.

50% of mental illnesses begin by age 14.

The average delay between the onset of mental health symptoms and treatment is 8 to 10 years.

37% of youth ages 14 and older who have a mental health disorder drop out of high school - the highest drop out rate of any disability group.

70% of youth in state and local juvenile justice systems have a serious emotional disturbance.

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in youth ages 10-24.

## Children's Mental Health Matters!

When you replace the "I" in mental illness with "WE", it becomes mental wellness.  
Share the facts. Raise awareness. Reduce prejudice and discrimination.

