# Healing Puzzled Minds: Understanding PTSD

Informative guide on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Recognize symptoms, seek help.

### What is PTSD?

Disorder developing after experiencing or witnessing traumatic events.

Causes intense, disturbing thoughts and feelings long after danger passes.

# **Recognizing PTSD Symptoms**



#### **Flashbacks**

Reliving traumatic events as if happening again.



#### **Nightmares**

Disturbing dreams related to the traumatic experience.



#### Anxiety

Severe anxiety or panic attacks triggered by memories.



#### Avoidance

Steering clear of traumarelated reminders or situations.

# **Emotional and Cognitive Changes**

**1** Mood Alterations

Persistent negative emotions, detachment from others.

**2** Cognitive Shifts

Difficulty concentrating, memory problems, negative self-perception.

3 Heightened Reactions

Irritability, angry outbursts, self-destructive behavior.



# **Physical Manifestations**

PTSD can cause physical symptoms alongside emotional distress.

#### **Sleep Disturbances**

Insomnia, restless sleep, night terrors.

#### Hypervigilance

Always on guard, easily startled.

#### **Physical Reactions**

Rapid heartbeat, sweating when reminded of trauma.

# Impact on Daily Life

PTSD can significantly affect various aspects of life.



#### **Work Challenges**

Difficulty concentrating, decreased productivity.



#### **Social Isolation**

Withdrawing from friends, family, and social activities.



#### **Sleep Disruption**

Insomnia affecting overall health and well-being.

# Path to Recovery

Healing Puzzled Minds offers effective treatment options.



# **Hope and Support**

Recovery is possible with proper treatment and support.

Healing Puzzled Minds: Compassionate care for PTSD.