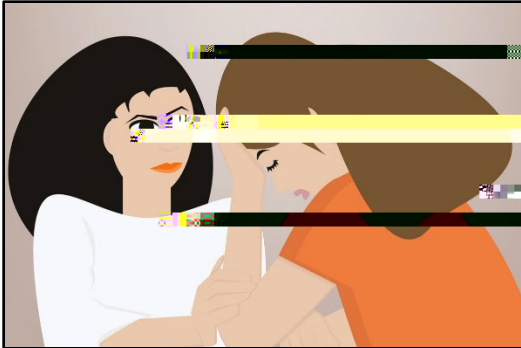


## Supporting a Partner with Anxiety



If you are in a relationship with someone who suffers from anxiety, feeling helpless is a common experience you share. Still, your support is extremely valuable. To offer support, don't dismiss their anxiety, worries, or fears. Don't try to shorten the episode. Do not ask how stigma of a mental health diagnosis to people with anxiety disorders don't suffer continuously, so intermittent treatment. Learn more from [aada.org](http://aada.org)

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## Presenteeism: Working While Sick

Presenteeism is what happens when workers who are ill, injured, or otherwise physically or mentally unwell feel obligated to show up and put their best face forward. Some workers have a mistaken belief that dedicated employees put everything else on the back burner to prioritize their jobs. When you engage in presenteeism, you are less likely to perform your duties well and are at risk for making costly, even deadly mistakes. If you feel pressured, in a jam, or caught in life circumstances that compel you to work even if you are ill, talk to your employee assistance program or other mental health counselor. You'll team with a professional to examine all the issues. Whether it is how to communicate needs to your supervisor, negotiate, delegate, find resources, think through options, or explore whatever works, it is likely that answers exist so you remain or become the productive and fully present employee you and employer want you to be.

## The EAP Can Do That

Mental health might come to mind when you think about your employee assistance program, but this is only scratching the surface. There are numerous ways EAPs can help, so never dismiss the program as an avenue to resolve a problem you face. Ways EAPs help that are often overlooked: 1) Acting as a sounding board when you face a tough decision. 2) Help for deciding whether you need a professional counselor or a completely different type of resource. 3) Problem solving about how to help a friend who won't get help or admit they have a problem. 4) Guidance on handling a personality clash with a coworker or boss. 5) Help to rule out whether you are depressed, burnt out, or experiencing signs of any other condition.

## Time Management: Finding Time Nuggets