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Diversity Corner

Please visit our [Diversity Corner Archives \(https://babta.org/Diversity_Corner_Archives\)](https://babta.org/Diversity_Corner_Archives) page to view previous posts.

Is there a more diverse month than May? No chance! From ALS, Age, Heritage, Gender Phobias, Dialogue and Development, Cinco De Mayo and Memorial Day there are opportunities to be an ally and celebrate all month!



The theme of Mental Health Awareness Month 2023 is “Look Around, Look Within,” according to Mental Health America. Mental health professionals’ aim is to emphasize the ways that our surroundings — like safe and stable housing, healthy home lives, neighborhoods and cities, and nature — affect our mental health.

The May theme for Mental Health Awareness is also a wonderful reminder to be mindful of those around us and something we strive for with our [BABTA Diversity Corner](#)

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Month-long observances:

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- [_ \(https://urldefense.com/v3/https://nationaltoday.com/haitian-heritage-month/!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhbtYwWlWQX3Ly-Tz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPB-nK5gAz\\$\)Haitian Heritage Month \(https://urldefense.com/v3/https://nationaltoday.com/haitian-heritage-month/!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhbtYwWlWQX3Ly-Tz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPB-nK5gAz\\$\)](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://nationaltoday.com/haitian-heritage-month/!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhbtYwWlWQX3Ly-Tz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPB-nK5gAz$)
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- [_ \(https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/how-to-celebrate-mental-health-awareness-month*:text=The*20theme*20of*20Mental*20Health,nature*20**C20affect*20our*20mental*20health.!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhTz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPBBy1YgrPc\\$\)](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/how-to-celebrate-mental-health-awareness-month*:text=The*20theme*20of*20Mental*20Health,nature*20**C20affect*20our*20mental*20health.!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhTz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPBBy1YgrPc$)
- [_ \(https://urldefense.com/v3/https://resources.ca.gov/initiatives/Equity-and-Environmental-Justice/Celebrating-Cultural-Diversity/Asian-American-and-Pacific-Islander-Heritage-Month*:text=Thursday*2C*20May*2025*2C*202023!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhTz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPBByMpnZoe\\$\)](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://resources.ca.gov/initiatives/Equity-and-Environmental-Justice/Celebrating-Cultural-Diversity/Asian-American-and-Pacific-Islander-Heritage-Month*:text=Thursday*2C*20May*2025*2C*202023!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhTz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPBByMpnZoe$)
- [_ \(https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.oaklandca.gov/events/older-americans-month-oam-2023*:text=Please*20join*20us*2C*20as*20we,Americans*20Month*20\(OAM\)*20event.!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhTz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPB03FORC3\\$\)](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.oaklandca.gov/events/older-americans-month-oam-2023*:text=Please*20join*20us*2C*20as*20we,Americans*20Month*20(OAM)*20event.!!KLL8VBKIGhc0BcQ38Y9qmONVtVtEUw!1JPW2phK4hggcxdhTz1ddobLtrZQnzaddc9-b5ry89AEVeLyTAGRxaqJuhgXZf6N-qpd9hcPB03FORC3$)

Important DE&I calendar dates:

- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

- May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 21 – World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- May 22 – Victoria Day (Canada)
- May 23 – Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
- May 29 – Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
- May 29 – Memorial Day