



# Counseling Services TIPS

### How To Sleep Better

Do you have difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep, or do you feel poorly rested in the morning? If so, following these TIPS could be the cure to your problems.

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- 1. SNOOZE FOODS: Have a bedtime snack of carbs and calcium to increase tryptophan, a natural sleep aid. Examples: warm milk, cheese & crackers, fruit, or yogurt.
- 2. SMELL: Aromatherapy is used to positively affect a person's mood or health. Lavender is calming and soothes nerves. Jasmine is relaxing and an antidepressant.
- 3. SOUND: Tum off distracting noises or play white noise relaxing music.
- 4. TOUCH: Have plenty of pillows, blankets & comfy clothes. Also relax your jaw.
- SIGHT: If you can't create a truly dark environment, try purchasing an eye mask.

- FALL ASLEEP IN YOUR BED
- TAKE DEEP BREATHS
- AVOID NEGATIVE THOUGHTS
- LET GO OF YOUR STRESS-FUL DAY
- TAKE A WARM BATH OR SHOWER
- AVOID LONG NAPS
- DON'T STUDY IN YOUR BED
- IF YOU DON'T FALL
  ASLEEP WITHIN 20
  MINUTES, GET OUT OF
  BED AND DO SOMETHING
  QUIET AND CALMING
  FOR 20 MINUTES, THEN
  TRY AGAIN.