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- Feeling sad, irritable, or unmotivated
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Losing interest in things you once enjoyed
- Trouble concentrating or making decisions
- Feeling hopeless or overwhelmed
- In some cases, thoughts of suicide



Support Available:

COMPASS LINE

If you or someone you care about is experiencing these symptoms, don't wait—help is within reach. Lake County offers a strong network of mental health services, supported by the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board.

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