

BAHALI ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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Bahali is committed to ensuring that our website, digital resources, and emotional well-being tools are accessible to all people—regardless of ability, age, device, or background. We believe that emotional support should be available to every child, parent, senior, educator, and community member who needs it.

Accessibility is an essential part of our mission and aligns with our values of dignity, inclusion, and community care.

Our Commitment

Bahali strives to:

- Provide a website that meets or exceeds the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines **(WCAG) 2.1 AA** standards
- Ensure our content is usable with screen readers, keyboard navigation, and assistive technologies
- Offer resources in formats that are clear, readable, and adaptable
- Use simple language and culturally grounded imagery
- Support neurodiversity and varied learning needs through accessible design
- Continually improve accessibility as our site and resources grow

Accessibility Features on the Bahali Website

We work to ensure that our website includes:

1. Text Accessibility

- High-contrast, easy-to-read texts
- Optional large-text formatting
- Clear headings and structure
- Simple, plain-language explanations

2. Image & Media Support

- Descriptive alt-text for images
- Accessible illustration descriptions
- Avoidance of flashing or strobing elements

3. Navigation

- Logical page structure
- Keyboard-friendly navigation
- Consistent layout and menu placement

4. Forms and Downloads

- Accessible labels on contact and request forms
- PDF alternatives with clear formatting
- Simple download buttons and instructions

Accessibility of Bahali Resources

Bahali's coping guides, worksheets, and community tools are designed to be:

- Printable in clean, accessible formats
- Usable with assistive reading software
- Written with clear instructions and visual simplicity
- Inclusive of diverse family structures and abilities

For those with visual, reading, or cognitive differences, we strive to offer:

- Large-print versions
- High-contrast versions
- Simplified or plain-language content
- Screen-reader-friendly PDFs
- Icon-supported instructions for children and teens

Ongoing Work & Improvements

Accessibility is a continuous effort. Bahali regularly reviews:

- User feedback
- New accessibility guidelines
- Technological improvements
- Barriers encountered by visitors

Where accessibility issues are identified, we work to correct them promptly.

If You Need Assistance

We welcome feedback, questions, and requests for accommodations.

If you experience difficulty accessing any part of the website or resources, please contact us:

contact@bahali.org

Please include:

- A description of the issue
- The page or resource you were trying to access
- Any assistive technology you were using (optional)

We will respond and provide the information or resource in an accessible format.

Statement of Inclusion

Bahali believes that emotional well-being is a human right. Accessibility is part of honoring the dignity and resilience of every person we serve. We remain committed to eliminating barriers and ensuring that our resources are available to all communities.