NAMI CA State Conference Coming Soon!

Friday and Saturday, August 21-22 2015 in Newport Beach

You can get more information here.

If you have any questions, please contact Eugenia Cervantes at Eugenia@namica.org

Please RSVP For The Free Awards Show!

Students throughout California have been submitting films for Directing Change. They submitted 60-second films in two categories: "Suicide Prevention" and "Ending the Silence about Mental Illness".

The winning teams and their associated schools will win prizes, receive mental health or suicide prevention programs for their schools, get to participate in a meeting with state legislators on these topics, and attend the award ceremony on May 19th.

Please RSVP For The Free Film
**Festival on May 19th:**
We hope you can join us for this inspiring event to recognize our student film makers! Please note that there is limited space and RSVP is required:

[Please click here to RSVP](#)

Please contact Lauren Hee if you have questions, need outreach materials, or have judge inquiries at lauren@namica.org or 916-567-0163

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Three Important Agenda Items to be Discussed at the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC)
Three important agenda items will be discussed at the Thursday, April 30th meeting of the CFLC.

- **Update on Efforts to Engage Individuals with Serious Mental Illness Who Are Not Achieving Recovery.**
  - This has been an ongoing, important topic to the CFLC, as they try to create strategies to reach those consumers who are not engaged in the process of recovery. Treatment resistant individuals, the homeless and those suffering from Anosognosia are among the vulnerable populations this committee is focused upon. They will be talking with the Evaluation Advisory Group about the recovery orientation program evaluation and how it can help inform the effort.

- **Presentation from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on the MHSA Issue Resolution Process (IRP)**
  - The issue resolution process is used when people living in a county are not getting the services they need and they have failed to resolve the issue with the county. When the Department of Mental Health was absorbed into DHCS, this process was somewhat neglected. Serious service issue with the county are resolved at DHCS, and the complaint process and resolution have not been well defined. This is an effort to make the system more transparent and accountable.

- **Update on Senate Bill 614 (Leno) regarding Peer and Family Support Certification**
  - Peer certification and the use of consumers and family members in the workplace has been a most important need. Having people with lived experience working within the county system could be transformative for both the county and the individual. How that process will come to pass is the subject of SB 614, and NAMI California has set his bill as a
top priority. If you'd like to know more about the effort, this would be a place to start.

Meeting details:

April 30, 2015, 11:00 AM -12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the offices of the MHSOAC, 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA

The call-in number is 866-817-6533 and the participation code: 1189021

Please let David@namica.org know if you will be attending.

NAMI California Programs
Training News

NAMI CA FAMILY TRAININGS:

Please Note: These trainings are for family members to become teachers of the education programs listed below. Support group
trainings are for family members to become facilitators of a support group.

- Family to Family: May 15-17, 2015 Vacaville, California
- Basics: May 15-17, 2015 Vacaville, California
- De Familia a Familia: June 2015, Southern California

There are also Family to Family/Basics trainings offered by the LACC (NAMI Los Angeles County). Please contact Brittney Weissman for further details: brittney@namilaccc.org

NAMI PEER PROGRAMS TRAININGS

Peer Programs announcements are also posted on: http://namifamily.blogspot.com

Please note: These trainings are for peer members to become teachers (mentors) of the education programs listed below.

- Persona a Persona: Ontario, June 2015. Dates and details TBD
- Peer to Peer: San Diego, May 15-17, 2015

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