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

NAMI California News:

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
MHSOAC Commission Meets April 23 in Sacramento

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is the body that oversees $1.2 B in services and administration of mental health funds.

The agenda for the meeting can be found [HERE](#).

NAMI California will hold an Advocacy Webinar on Friday, April 17 to discuss the agenda. Here are the details:

- April NAMI California Advocacy Webinar
- Fri, Apr 17, 2015 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time
- Use this [link](#) to join the "Go To" Meeting
- 1-800-944-8766 Participant Code 84893

If you'd like more information, or links to the supporting materials, contact david@namica.org or call 916-567-0163.

You can send your comments to David@namica.org if you cannot attend the meeting but will be on the call. Even better, be one of the ten people who will make their point during the public comment period in person!

The MHSOAC Commission will meet on April 23rd from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, the MHSOAC offices, 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The call-In Number for the meeting is 866-817-6550 and the participant code is 3190377.

Start Your Advocacy Journey at our NAMI California Regional Meeting: Riverside County
• Would you like to be a better advocate? Learn how to tell your story powerfully and effectively.
• Would you like to learn more about your county behavioral health system? Listen to County administrators speak about MHSA programs in your area.
• Would you like to provide feedback to your County officials directly? Talk to them one on one in breakout sessions during the meeting.

Come find out how you can be a better advocate, and speak up to make Riverside County a better place to live!
The meetings have two parts: first, a NAMI Smarts for Advocacy Training open to affiliate members, second, a panel presentation from county mental health departments, followed by a talk back session between counties and NAMI affiliate members. This meeting features a free 90 minute workshop on how to tell your story with passion and purpose, and offers one on one interaction with Riverside County mental health administrators.

Just the facts:

• Riverside NAMI Smarts Advocacy Training
• Monday, April 20 from 9:30 - 3:05
• Holiday Inn Express, 1864 Oak Valley Village Cir, Beaumont, CA 92223

For more information and to RSVP, contact david@namica.org. Start your advocacy journey today!

Client and Family Leadership Committee of MHSOAC to Meet April 30th

The Client and Family Leadership Committee is scheduled to meet in April 30th. This committee focuses solely on the perspective of consumer, family members and caregivers, and presents that perspective to the MHSOAC
Commission.

This is a wonderful opportunity to advance the agenda of consumers and family members, and bring your perspective to this important committee.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30th from 11:00 AM -12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. It will take place at the offices of the MHSOAC, 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento.

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

The agenda for the meeting can be found [HERE](#).

This is a great place to make your voice heard and support the perspective of consumers and family!

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**NAMI California Programs**

**Training News**

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**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: Campbell, April 24-26, 2015
- Peer to Peer: San Diego, May 15-17, 2015

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