Happy Labor Day Everyone!

Have a wonderful, safe Labor Day Weekend!

NAMI California Programs News

Directing Change Program: PSA Submission Deadline is February 1st. 2015
The Directing Change Student Video program is a statewide competition where high school and UC students take action against suicide and end the stigma of mental illness by creating 60-second public service announcements. Directing Change is part of statewide efforts to prevent suicide, reduce stigma and discrimination related to mental illness, and to promote the mental health and wellness of students. The submission deadline for the 2014-2015 school year is February 1st, 2015. Visit www.directingchange.org for more details.

A total of 432 films, representing 996 students from 112 high schools and 9 University of California campus locations and 31 counties, were received during the 2013-2014 school year. DVDs of the 2013-2014 finalists are available upon request while supplies last. For more details, contact Lauren Hee at Lauren@namica.org or 916-567-0163. All PSAs are also available for download at www.directingchange.org.

NAMI FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Spanish de Familia a Familia training: October 24-26, 2014 in Sacramento, California

Please see the NAMI Family Blog for details
http://namifamily.blogspot.com

Please watch for all NAMI California education programs trainings for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be posted soon in this Weekly News Report
See also Family Programs blog for updates, news etc. http://namifamily.blogspot.com
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Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Commission Meeting August 28

The meeting documents for the August 28, 2014 Commission meeting have been posted to the MHSOAC meetings page http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/Meetings.aspx.
The Commission will be presented with eight sections of the comments received during the 45-day public comment period on the proposed Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) regulations, sections 3704 through 3740, and staff's recommended responses to the public comments. The Commission will decide whether to make any changes to the proposed PEI regulations based on the public comments.

These regulations have been a source of contention among agencies and stakeholders. You are encouraged to review the potential changes described under tab 5A "5A: Proposed Prevention and Early Intervention Regulations: Response to Public Comment". This should be a lively discussion and the Commission is seeking public comment.

**Details:**
Commission Meeting, August 28, 2014, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM and the MHSOAC offices, 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA. The call-in Number is 866-817-6550 and the participation Code is 3190377.

Public comment will only be taken from those in attendance. If you would like to make a public comment and cannot attend please email your thoughts to David Czarnecki, Advocacy Coordinator at david@namica.org.

**Governor Vetoes Bill Boosting Mental-health Parity Enforcement**

Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed legislation Tuesday that would have given California Department of Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones authority to levy fines of up to $2,500 a day against health plans that ignore state mental-health parity laws.
Senate Bill 1046 by Democratic Sen. Jim Beall from San Jose tried to give Jones authority the California Department of Managed Health Care already has. Brown cited ongoing litigation as one reason for his veto.

The veto message said Jones "has broad penalty authority" - and that the scope of that authority is currently in litigation. "Until this matter is resolved, it would be premature to conclude what changes, if any, should be made," Brown said.