Happy Veteran's Day!

A big Thanks to all the Vets out there who have served and still serve our Country!

We honor your service. Please know that NAMI is always here for you and your families!

NAMI California News

Students Are Invited to Submit their Films to Help Others and Win Prizes!

Students throughout California are invited to
Direct Change by submitting 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 at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Visit the campaign website for contest rules and information: [www.directingchange.org](http://www.directingchange.org).

Submission Deadlines: February 1, 2015.

Want to stay updated with all things Directing Change? Subscribe to [The Advocate: Directing Change Newsletter](#)! The Newsletter features updates about Directing Change and monthly educational films about topics on mental health and suicide prevention.

DVDs of the 2014 finalists and promotional flyers are available upon request. Please contact Lauren Hee at lauren@namica.org or 916-567-0163.

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**Important Upcoming Events and Conferences Around California and Online**

"Together Against Stigma: Each Mind Matters" Annual Conference Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendars for this very important conference coming soon February 17-20th. Training for consumers, family members and other mental health advocates.

Save the date information:
NAMI California Programs Training News

NAMI FAMILY PROGRAMS TRAININGS: These are also posted on http://namifamily.blogspot.com

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.

- Basics: January 23-25, 2015 Ontario, California (NEW LOCATION)
- Family Support Group: February 6-8, 2015 Chico, California
- Family Support Group: March 20-22, 2015 San Diego, California
- Family to Family: March 20-22, 2015 San Diego, California
- Family to Family: April 17- April 19, 2015 Bakersfield, California
- Family to Family: May 15-17, 2015 Vacaville, California
- Basics: May 15-17, 2015 Vacaville, California

There will also be Family to Family trainings offered by the LACC (NAMI Los Angeles County). Please contact Brittney Weissman: brittney@namilaccc.org for more information.

Grants will also be available to NAMI California affiliates desiring to put on their own trainings. Please contact Lynn Cathy at Lynn@namica.org for further details.

NAMI PEER PROGRAMS TRAININGS:
These trainings are for peer members to become teachers of the education programs listed below:
- Peer to Peer: Fresno, January 23-25, 2015
- Peer to Peer: Fairfield, February 20-22, 2015
- Peer to Peer: Campbell, April 24-26, 2015
- Peer to Peer: San Diego, May 15-17, 2015
- Persona a Persona: Ontario, Date TBD

Grants are available to NAMI California affiliates to put on their own trainings for the Connection and Peer to Peer programs. Please contact Stephenie Gardella at Stephenie@namica.org for more information.

NAMI on Campus High School: We are launching NAMI on Campus High School (NCHS) this Fall! NCHS is a student-led club that promotes mental health and wellness. In addition to our two trainings in November, a new training date has been set for Monday, December 1, 2014 in San Bernardino County. Please contact Kelly Boyles at kelly@namica.org for more information.

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- Parents and Teachers as Allies, Ending the Silence, NAMI on Campus, Provider Education - Kelly@namica.org
- Directing Change - Lauren@namica.org
- Programs Director, Beth Wolf (Larkins) - Beth@namica.org

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Implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 720 - Suspension of Medi-Cal Benefits for all Inmates and Other Requirements

The purpose of this alert from the
Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is to provide counties with information about AB 720, Statutes of 2013, Chapter 646, which added Penal Code section 4011.11, and amended Welfare and Institutions (W & I) Code section 14011.10. AB 720 took effect January 1, 2014.

This legislation:
* Requires counties to suspend rather than terminate Medi-Cal benefits for all inmates, regardless of age, who were Medi-Cal beneficiaries at the time they became inmates of a public institution.
* Authorizes county Boards of Supervisors (BOS), in consultation with the county sheriff, to designate an entity or entities to assist county jail inmates with their applications for a health insurance affordability program; and to act on behalf of county jail inmates for purposes of applying for Medi-Cal coverage for acute inpatient hospital services provided to inmates off the grounds of the correctional facility.
* Clarifies that "The fact that an applicant is an inmate shall not, in and of itself, preclude a county human services agency from processing an application for the Medi-Cal program submitted to it by, or on behalf of, that inmate."

Click [here](#) to see the full implementation document.

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**MHSUDS Integration Task Force Meeting**  
**Monday, November 10**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) is convening a one-day meeting of invited experts for a MHSUDS Integration Task Force (Task Force) meeting on Monday, November 10th.

The Task Force meeting will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., in the Auditorium of the DHCS campus located at 1500 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento. The meeting is open to the public either in person or via conference call. Public comment will be accepted during the meeting and by email to MHSUDStakeholderInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Comments can be submitted after the meeting through Friday, November 14, 2014.

To view/print the agenda for this meeting, follow this [link](#).
The Task Force is comprised of invited experts from the mental health, substance use disorders, primary care field, and county services. The purpose of the meeting is for the Director and his Deputy Directors and key staff to gather input and feedback on mental health and substance use disorder issues as the department works on integration efforts including its work on the 1115 waiver.

**Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Seeks Committee Members**

The MHSOAC is looking for people who would like to serve as members on various committees for the 2015/2016 Committee Cycle. Please be aware that the committee membership for the current two-year cycle will end on December 31, 2014. If you would like to be considered for selection in the 2015/2016 MHSOAC Committee cycle, please complete and submit the attached MHSOAC Committee Application by November 10, 2014. The application can also be found by clicking here.

Commitments of selected Committee members are as follows:

* Attend a minimum of 75% of scheduled Committee meetings in person or by teleconference (at minimum, committee meetings are held once every other month)

* Committee members are asked to give notice to staff when they are unable to attend a meeting; failure to regularly attend meetings may result in removal from your Committee assignment

* Contribute to Committee work products, including review and feedback of recommendations, position papers, etc.

  * Communicate with Committee staff between meetings on Committee business and/or work products
* Advance the vision, goals and work of the Committee
* Participate in Committee Workgroups as needed
* Committee membership is for two years

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