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Please Attend: Chronic Disease, Patient Protections and the ACA

We hope you and your colleagues will be able to attend this important complimentary health care forum breakfast about Chronic Disease, Patient Protections and the ACA hosted by the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease on December 2, 8:30 to 11:30 am in Sacramento. Free continental breakfast starts at 8:30 am.

Please reserve your spot at: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/chronic-disease-patient-protections-and-the-aca-addressing-access-affordability-tickets-13740717857

Each Mind Matters 7th International "Together Against Stigma" Conference Feb. 17-20 in San
Francisco

The 7th International "Together Against Stigma" Conference will be held February 17-20, 2015 in San Francisco. This conference will be the first to be hosted in the United States and underscores the fact that stigma of mental health challenges is not exclusive to any one country or culture: it is pervasive, encountered at all levels of society, institutions, among families and within the healthcare profession itself.

Follow this LINK for more information:

Early Bird Registration Closes Dec. 12, 2014 Register by 12/12/2014 and the price is $475.00, if after then it is $550.00

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.

- Family to Family: January 16-18, 2015 Encino, California*
- Basics: January 23-25, 2015 Ontario, California
- 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

*The Family to Family training in Encino doesn't offer an overnight stay for trainees. All other expenses are covered.
Contact Al Henriquez (this training only) Spanish@namisfv.org

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

For all other trainings above, or to apply for a grant to hold a training for your affiliate, please contact Lynn Cathy, Lynn@namica.org

**NAMI PEER PROGRAMS TRAININGS:**

Please Note:
Until a new Peer Coordinator is in place, Peer Programs announcements will also be posted on the [http://namifamily.blogspot.com](http://namifamily.blogspot.com)

These trainings are for peer members to become teachers (mentors) 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, March 37-29, 2015

Grants will be available to NAMI California affiliates to put on their own trainings for the Connection (i.e. support group) and Peer to Peer programs after January 1, 2015. Please contact Lynn Cathy, Interim Peer Coordinator, 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. Our first two trainings in Contra Costa
(11/13) and Placer County (11/18) were a huge success! We are looking forward to our next training Monday, December 1, 2014 in San Bernardino County. Please contact Kelly Boyles at kelly@namica.org for more information.

Send inquiries to:

- Family Programs - Lynn@namica.org
- IOOV, Peer to Peer and Connection - Lynn@namica.org (Interim Coordinator)
- 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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MHSOAC Client and Family Leadership Committee to Meet Dec. 17

The Agenda for the December 17, 2014 Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) Workgroup: Explore Outreach to Clients Not Achieving Recovery was posted to the Client and Family Leadership Committee meeting page and may be accessed directly by clicking on the link below. This meeting will be followed by meeting of the full CFLC committee from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.

Client and Family Leadership Committee Workgroup: Explore Outreach to Clients not Achieving Recovery.

December 17, 2014, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM, at the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) offices, 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA 95814
Call-in Number: 866-817-6533  Participation Code: 1189021

Find the agenda for both meetings HERE.

Upcoming Webinar: Effective & Meaningful Client Stakeholder Participation: Training on Guiding Principles in Community Planning Processes

This webinar training will occur in two parts, on December 2 and December 9, from 2-4pm PST.

Part One (12/2, 2pm): Community Planning Processes, Relevant Laws and Regulations, Guiding Principles for Community Planning Processes and How to Apply Them, Facilitated by Karin Lettau, MS.

Part Two (12/9, 2pm): Effective Participation Skills, Public Speaking Tips, the Art of Moving forward Despite Disagreements, On-going Engagement, Facilitated by Richard Krzyzanowski.

Learning Objectives: Understand your right to participate in CPP activities which may shape public policy and services for years to come. Use the Guiding Principles as a guide for accountability--for yourself, for other stakeholder groups, and for meeting conveners--and to gauge our fidelity to the values and spirit of the MHSA. Learn the venues for stakeholder involvement and the skills needed to have input and participate in decision making in public meetings and planning processes.

HOW TO REGISTER:
You must register in advance at the following LINK.

You may register for Part One and/or Part Two. (To register for both, go back to the link and choose the following date after registering for the first one.)

For registration assistance, please call Kelly Dannucci at (510) 567-
California Reducing Disparities Project Strategic Planning Workgroup Population Reports

As part of the groundbreaking California Reducing Disparities Project, five population reports were developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process that reached thousands across the state. These reports highlight community-defined promising practices and recommendations for reducing disparities in their respective populations. The reports can be found HERE.

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

Submission Deadlines: February 1, 2015.

Want to stay updated with all things Directing Change? Subscribe to [The Advocate: Directing Change Newsletter](http://www.directingchange.org)! 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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