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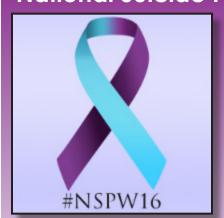
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National Suicide Prevention Week



September 5-11, 2016

National Suicide Prevention Week (NSPW) is an annual week-long campaign to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide. It draws attention to the problem of suicide in the United State and strives to reduce the stigma surrounding the topic,

as well as encourage the pursuit of mental health assistance and support people who have attempted suicide.

If you need information about how to handle a mental health crisis, you can talk to a trained counselor who can help with your specific situation. Call the Access and Crisis Line at 1-888-724-7240. The tollfree call is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. (TDD for the hearing impaired: 619-641-6992.)

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Education & Advocacy

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

TOPIC: Dr. Theresa Larson

Theresa Larson was a Marine Lieutenant commanding an entire platoon in Iraq while internally struggling with an eating disorder. Her courageous journey to wellness required the bravery to ask for help, to take care of herself first. She is now the founder of Movement Rx, a physical therapy and wellness company that offers support to wounded warriors and individuals with health and movement issues.

SCHEDULE

6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m. Ask the Doctors

LOCATION

University Christian Church, Friendship Hall 3900 Cleveland Ave. San Diego, CA 92103

MARTES, 20 de Septiembre | 20 de Septiembre

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

"Preguntas al professional" 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Presentacion Comunitaria 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Locación

Health and Human Services Agency at 690 Oxford Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911 (primer piso) Preguntas? Por favor de comunicarse con Cinthya al 619-688-0507

Want to learn more about our Spanish Education & Advocacy Meetings? Please contact Cinthya Luis at 619-688-0507

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st | October E&A Meeting

TOPIC: Family Support

Join family members, peers, professionals and community volunteers to learn more about how NAMI San Diego supports families!

SCHEDULE

6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m. Ask the Doctors

LOCATION

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Articles received by the 15th will be considered for publication in the following month's newsletter. Send articles to: newsletter@namisandiego.org

The opinions expressed in the newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of NAMI San Diego.

To register your opinion, call NAMI San Diego at (858) 634-6580 or email at newsletter@namisd.org. Thank you.



Volunteer Opportunities!

NAMI San Diego is looking for energetic and dedicated volunteers to work on our community outreach Helpline, the 13th Annual Color Ball and Inspiration Awards, and our new Side by Side program!

HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS

By volunteering for the helpline, you will be providing resources and support to family members and peers dealing with mental illness who call between 10a.m. and 4p.m., Monday through Friday.

To become a NAMI volunteer, contact our Helpline Coordinator at 858-634-6580.

13th ANNUAL COLOR BALL VOLUNTEERS

Our annual fundraising event will take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. We are looking for those interested in being part of the Volunteer Silent Auction Committee and/or volunteer day of the event.

To volunteer for the Color Ball please contact Kristine at KristineFisette@NAMISD.org.

SIDE BY SIDE PEER COMPANION PROGRAM

If you are someone with direct lived experience with mental health challenges, or a family member of someone with direct lived experience, and you wish to share your journey by being a supportive companion then Side by Side is for you! Companions are matched with individuals with direct lived experience with mental illness (program participants). Through these matches, companions and

program participants will have the opportunity to choose to meet up and go to the beach, check out a local museum, grab a cup of coffee, talk, and more!

For more information, please contact Cinthya Luis, Side by Side Peer Companion Program Coordinator at 619-688-0507 or cinthyaluis@namisd.org.



NEW Family-To-Family Courses!

This FREE 12 Week course series is taught by trained family members who have lived experience of having a family member diagnosed with mental illness.

Location: Escondido Clubhouse

474 W. Vermont Escondido, CA 92065

Start Date: September 12, 2016

End Date: November 28, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Ramona United Methodist Church 3394 Chapel Lane Ramona, CA 92064

Start Date: September 14, 2016

End Date: November 30, 2016

Time: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

To register for the courses above, please email F2F@namisd.org with your name, contact phone number, address, email, and which course you would like to register for. If these courses are not a good fit for your schedule or location preference, there will be additional courses added throughout San Diego County (i.e. East, South, North Inland, North Coastal, North Central, and Central regions).

To sign up for the waitlist, please visit our website at www.namisandiego.org/event-registration, or call the NAMI Family & Peer Support Helpline at (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933.

Be A Part Of CHECK YOUR MOOD 2016!

Check Your Mood is an annual one-week event in which the County of San Diego, local businesses, healthcare agencies, community partner organizations and residents from across the county come together to provide and participate in free, confidential depression screenings for the community. This year's Check Your Mood week will be on Monday, October 10, 2016 through Sunday, October 16, 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT Loren Goldstein at Loren.Goldstein@sdcounty.ca.gov or Alexis Munoz at Alexis.Munoz@sdcounty.ca.gov.



Children, Youth & Families Liaison Program

Are you a parent, youth (age 25 or younger) or professional involved in Child, Youth & Family Behavioral Health Services, foster care, child welfare services, juvenile justice, special education, or transitional age youth population?



To become a NAMI San Diego ally, email SuzetteSouthfox@NAMISD.org to join the Children, Youth & Family Liaison to join our alert list.



NAMI Homefront Education Program

NAMI Homefront is a free, six-session education program for family, friends and significant others of Military Service Members and Veterans with mental health conditions. It focuses on the unique needs of military and veteran communities, such as post-deployment and post-discharge transitions. The course is designed to help family members understand and support their

loved ones while maintaining their own well-being. The trained teachers of this course are also family members who have experience with military culture and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness. Call the NAMI Education Department at (858) 634-6461 or email f2f@namisd.org.



The National Alliance for Caregiving is proud to present On Pins and Needles: Caregivers of Adults with Mental Illness

On Pins and Needles: Caregivers of Adults with Mental Illness is a study of 1,601 caregivers ages 18 or older who provide care to an adult with serious-to-moderate emotional or mental health issues. The purpose of this study is to describe the experiences and challenges of this targeted subset of caregivers. It is estimated that at least 8.4 million Americans provide care to an adult with an emotional or mental health issue especially vulnerable, as they face complex, high burden care situations, resulting in higher caregiver stress and strain. The study found that a combination of stigma and isolation has implications on the caregiver's well-being: 74% report feeling high emotional stress. This emotional burden and constant feeling of being "on pins and needles" can lead to physical health impacts for the caregiver. For the full report, please visit NAMISanDiego.org.



Know Your Rights: Parity for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits

There is now a United States law stating that certain health plans must cover mental health and substance use (MH/SU) services comparably (in a similar way) to medical and surgical care, or what most people refer to as physical health. Many simply refer to the requirement of the law as parity.

You have the right to call your plan and request information about your benefits. Sometimes a different company manages your mental health and substance use benefits than the one that manages your physical health benefits. For example, this may be another insurance company. You are entitled to information about your plan regardless of who manages it. There are many ways to learn about your mental health and substance use benefits:

For more about the Federal parity law, go to the Department of Labor (DOL) Mental Health Parity page at www.dol.gov/ebsa/mentalhealthparity or call toll-free at 1-866-444-3272 to speak to a DOL benefits advisor.





Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. 5095 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92123

This summer, San Diego County's Family Youth Liaison services transitioned to NAMI San Diego. Just as NAMI San Diego has a three-fold mission; the Child, Youth & Family Liaison provides education, support and advocacy through parent & provider workshops, training, speakers, focus groups, blogs, and webinars. Our liaison connects with and supports families involved in Child, Youth & Family Behavioral Health Services as well as families engaged in Child Welfare Services, Juvenile Justice System, Foster Care or Special Education.

We are closing our parking lot and hosting an array of food trucks, live music, and children's activities! Meet the Children, Youth & Family Liaison Team and tour the Community Lab where trainings are developed for providers, children, youth and families. Join us to socialize, celebrate and network! RSVP to SuzetteSouthfox@NAMISD.org



Come view inspiring short films produced by students across California. These

films address the important topics of suicide prevention and ending the silence of mental illness. The 2016 winners and the San Diego participants will be recognized as we kick off the next season. Come celebrate with us and help break the stigma! Doors open at 6pm for reception, screening begins at 6:30 pm.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: e3 Civic High - 395 11th Avenue, 6th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101

PARKING: Two free hours of parking is available with validation:

Parking located underneath the Central Library (enter the structure off of 11th Avenue). Validation at the e3 Reception Desk located on the 6th Floor. Each additional 20 minutes of parking is \$1.25. Private, secured entrance for e3 Civic High is located on the corner of 11th Avenue and J Street. From the parking level, go up one level to the ground and e3's entrance is located to the north.

Limited seating available for this FREE event. Please RSVP www.directingchange.eventbrite.com For more information, please contact Kristine Fisette at kristinefisette@namisd.org or call 858-634-6580



Family Meeting Schedule & General Support Groups (Adults 18 and older)

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS IN ENGLISH

Brawley

1st Thursday, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. 205 Main Street, Brawley, CA 92227 Contact: Rose or Wilbur at (760) 705-5002 imperialvalley@namisd.org

Clairemont

2nd Monday, 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church (Library) 5050 Milton Street, San Diego, 92110 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

East County

2nd Wednesday, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. El Cajon Library 201 E. Douglas Ave., El Cajon, 92020 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

Escondido

Every Tuesday, 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Escondido Senior Center, Room #5 210 East Park Ave., Escondido, 92025 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

Imperial Valley

3rd Thursday, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. 202 N. 8th Street El Centro, CA 92243 at 6:00p.m. Contact: Rose or Wilbur (760) 705-5002 imperialvalley@namisd.org

La Mesa

1st Tuesday, 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. St. Andrews Lutheran Church 8350 Lake Murray Blvd. Community Center, 2nd Floor San Diego, 92119 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

Ramona

1st Wednesday - 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. Ramona United Methodist Church 3394 Chapel Lane, Ramona, 92065 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

Rancho Bernardo

3rd Monday, 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church 17010 Pomerado Road San Diego, 92128 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

NEW! - North Central San Diego

Beginning June 21st 3rd Tuesday, 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. 5095 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 320 San Diego, 92123 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS IN SPANISH

North Coastal

1st Friday, 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.
Tri City Medical Center
Conference Room #7, Lower Level
4002 Vista Way, Oceanside, 92056
Contact: (760) 722-3754
info@naminorthcoastal.org

Otay Mesa

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. Otay Mesa Library 3003 Coronado Ave. San Diego, 92154 Contact: Gina Osuna (619) 288-3133

South Bay

1st Monday, 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. South County Family Resource Center 690 Oxford St, Chula Vista, 91911 Contact: Gina Osuna (619) 288-3133

South San Diego

4th Monday, 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. Maria Sardinas Wellness & Recovery 1465 30th Street, Suite K San Diego, 92154 Contact: Kika Cortez at (619) 397-8835

EDUCATION & ADVOCACY MEETINGS

NAMI San Diego

1st Thursday, 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. University Christian Church, Friendship Hall 3900 Cleveland Ave. San Diego, 92103 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

North Coastal Education Meeting and Share and Care Support Group

3rd Thursday
Meeting - 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.
Support Group - 8:30p.m. - 10:00p.m.
St. Michael's by the Sea
Episcopal Church
2775 Carlsbad Blvd, Carlsbad, 92008
Contact: (760) 722-3754
info@naminorthcoastal.org

TOPIC SUPPORT GROUPS

Borderline Personality Disorder Informational Meetings

1st Thursday, 6:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. UCSD Outpatient Psychiatric Services (Gifford Clinic) 140 Arbor Drive, Room #247 San Diego, 92103 Contact: Sandy Boone sboone@bpdglobal.com

Criminal Justice Family Support

3rd Thursday, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. Spring Valley Youth & Family Coalition 3845 Spring Drive, Room #31 Spring Valley, 91977 Contact: (619) 543-1434 or (800) 523-5933

Sibling and Adult Children's Group

Support for adults (18+) who are siblings of, or children of individuals with lived mental illness.
2nd Wednesday, 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Scripps Memorial Campus
Schaetzel Center/Noble Room
9888 Genesee Ave.
La Jolla, 92037
Contact: Michelle Cauble
(858) 756-3140

Spouses/Partners of Persons with a Diagnosis of Bi-Polar Disorder

3rd Tuesday, 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. Clairemont Lutheran Church Lutheran Hall, Room #2 on 1st Floor 4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego, 92117 Contact: (858) 472-2058

Substance Use Disorder and Co-Occurring Disorder Family and Friends Support Group

4th Friday, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. NAMI San Diego Headquarters 5095 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite #320 San Diego, 92123 Contact: (619) 688-0505 or (619) 670-1184

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NAMI San Diego's Connections Support Groups are FREE, and you can drop in without registering! These support groups are only open to people who have mental illness. NAMI Connections is a casual and relaxed environment where you can share the challenges and successes you've had while coping with mental illness.

Mental Health America

Thursdays: 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. 4069 30th Street, San Diego, 92104 2nd Floor Confernce Room

East County Mental Health Clinic

Fridays: 12:00p.m.-1:30p.m. 1000 Broadway, 1st Floor Wellness Center, El Cajon, 92021

Central Library

2nd & 4th Wednesday: 2:00p.m.-3:30p.m. 330 Park Blvd. (Between J & K Streets) Room #563, San Diego, 92101

Mariposa Clubhouse

Wednesdays: 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. 560 Greenbrier, Suite C-E, Oceanside 92054. Information: (760) 722-3754

En Espanol

Cada Martes: 2:00p.m. - 3:30p.m. Visions CLubhouse

226 Church Street Chula Vista, 91910

Information: (619) 688-0507

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Library at Parish Hall

3rd Thurs. of the month 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. 2775 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad, 92008 Information: (722) 722-3754

The Consumer Center for

Health, Education & Advocacy

If you need help getting mental health services or if you have a complaint or grievance, call or write:

1764 San Diego Ave, 2nd Floor

San Diego, 92110 Toll Free: 1-877-734-3258

Monday - Friday: 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Jewish Family Services Patient Advocacy Program

Patient Advocates work with individuals living ı in either a 24-hr psychiatric hospital or a board & care facility to ensure all of rights are being respected.

(619) 282-1134 or (800) 479-2233 Mondays - Friday: 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Peer/Consumer Support Groups

CLUBHOUSES

Clubhouses offer FREE support for adults recovering from mental illness. (No treatment provided). They provide classes for: vocational training, health & nutrition, physical fitness, computer technology, and skill-building. They can also supply you with potential volunteer opportunities in the area.

Bayview Clubhouse

Paradise Valley Hospital Bayview Behavioral Health Campus 330 Moss Street Chula Vista, 91911 Phone: (619) 585-4646

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00a.m-4:00 p.m. Evenings/Weekends - Call for Schedule

Casa Del Sol Clubhouse (Bilingual)*

1157 30th Street San Diego, 92154 Phone: (619) 429-1937

Hours: Mondays: 8:30a.m.-6:00 p.m. Tue./Thurs./Fri.: 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Wednesdays: 12:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

Corner Clubhouse

2864 University Ave. San Diego, 92104 Phone: (619) 683-7423

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

East Corner Clubhouse*

1060 Estes Street El Cajon, 92020 Phone: (619) 631-0441

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Eastwind Clubhouse UPAC Eastwind Center

8745 Aero Drive, Suite #101 San Diego, 92123 Phone: (858) 268-4933

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Escondido Clubhouse*

474 W. Vermont Ave. Escondido, 92025 Phone: (760) 737-7125

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

Mariposa Clubhouse*

560 Greenbrier Drive, Suite C-E, Oceanside, CA 92054 Phone: (760) 439-2785

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

Friends In Hand Clubhouse

144 Copper Ave. Vista, 92083 Phone: (760) 631-2206

Hours: Sat. & Wed. 11:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Friend-to-Friend Program*

(Serving the homeless) 2144 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego, 92104 Phone: (619) 955-8217

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

API Discovery Clubhouse

Alvarado Parkway Institute

5538 University Ave. San Diego, 92105

Membership Information: (619) 667-6176 Hours: Sat. & Sun.: 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

The Meeting Place, Inc.*

2553 State Street San Diego, 92101 Phone: (619) 294-9582

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

The Oasis Clubhouse

Serving Transitional Age Youth (Ages 16-25) 6153 Fairmont Ave. San Diego, 92120

Phone: (858) 300-0470 Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

NHA - Friendship Clubhouse

286 Euclid Ave., Suite #104, San Diego, 92114 Phone: (619) 263-6269

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:30a.m.-5:30p.m.

Visions

226 Church St. Chula Vista, 91910 Phone: (619) 420-8603

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Saturdays & Sundays: 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m. NA & Dual Diagnosis groups available,

please call for the schedule.

Deaf Community Services Clubhouse

4080 Centre Street Suite 208 San Diego, 92103 Phone: (619) 398-2441

Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Saturdays & Sundays: 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

*SSI Advocates available to assist with applications and appeals. Please contact the clubhouse for more information.



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