



Stepping Out: Community-Oriented News in Psychiatry

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NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group

What: NAMI Connection is for anyone who is recovering from, or thinks they may have a mental illness, regardless of the diagnosis. The NAMI Connection support group provides a safe place to learn, share experiences, coping strategies, hope, encouragement and to gain a better understanding of mental illness. The support group is facilitated by trained peer facilitators, and is not intended to replace professional therapy or treatment. NAMI Connection respects and honors confidentiality.

When: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Rochester Psychiatric Center Rehab Building, 1111 Elmwood Ave. Rochester

More information: Contact Donna Leigh-Estes at (585) 423-1593 or donna.leigh-estes@namirochester.org or check out www.namirochester.org Each Month, we also offer a separate NAMI Connection meeting in Spanish: NAMI Conexión.

Sudan Benefit

What: A concert to benefit The Hope of Sudan Alliance.

When: October 1, 2011 7pm

Where: Water Street Music Hall

More information: Tax Deductible Tickets: Adults \$20/Students \$12; VIP Tickets: Reserved Seats, Meet & Greet the Band \$50. www.bonodouble.com/videos.html
The Hope of Sudan www.hopeofsudan.org
Building Minds in Sudan www.buildingmindsinsudan.org
New Sudan Aid www.newsudanaid.org
Sudan Village Clinics www.sudanvillageclinic.org

Secrecy and Mental Illness

What: NAMI announces 10th Anniversary for Jessica Henderson Memorial Lecture. Steve Luxenberg author of *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey Into a Family Secret* will precede a panel discussion about the subject of secrecy and mental illness.

When: Tuesday, October 5, 2011 5:30-8:30pm

Where: School of the Arts, 45 Prince Street, Rochester NY

More information: Call (585) 423-1593 or pat.sine@namirochester.org Admission fee \$15, includes lecture & buffet. Registration preferred.

Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation: An Evidenced Based Practice for Reducing Stress

What: Mindfulness is a way of paying attention that emphasizes being awake to the present moment in a nonjudgmental way. Recent brain studies show that not only does the brain affect our experience (thoughts, feelings, behavior), but that our experience affects the brain. How we think, feel and act changes the chemistry and structure of the brain. Learning these practices reduces the impact of stress on our lives and helps prevent emotions from hijacking the brain. The talk will be presented by Peter Sullivan, LCSW and Wendy Sullivan, LMSW. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has been hosting weekly mindful meditation sessions for over 6 years.

A CD of meditations for children and adults recorded by the presenters is available for a suggested donation of \$20.

When: Thursday, October 6, 2011 6:30 – 8:00pm.

Where: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 350 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14611

Cost: Free (donations accepted)

More information: Call St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 328-0856, email Wendy & Peter at sullybro@rochester.rr.com or visit the church website at <http://st-stephens-church-rochester.episcopalrochester.org>

Every Shut Eye Ain't Sleep

What: There are many dimensions to both understanding and addressing the persistent gap in educational outcomes associated with race, ethnicity, and class. Carol D. Lee argues the need for a holistic framework to inform responses to these persistent inequities, whether educational policy, teacher training, standards and assessment, or

curricular interventions. Lee will articulate the framework and illustrate its implications for teaching in the disciplines, with a special focus on literacy, and conclude with a discussion of implications of this kind of instruction for teacher education.

When: October 13, 2011 7:15 p.m.

Where: Hoyt Auditorium, University of Rochester River Campus

More information: Contact the Warner School Academic Support Office at (585) 276-5405 or e-mail help@warner.rochester.edu.

Babies 2011 Can't Wait - Teens Won't Wait Training Series

What: Babies Can't Wait ~ Teens Won't Wait is an ongoing monthly training series focused on improving permanency and well-being outcomes for children in out-of-home care. The trainings are designed to provide relevant information and provoke thoughtful discussion on a wide variety of topics of interest to professionals in the legal/judicial and child welfare systems.

When: Thursday, October 13, 2011 12:30pm – 2 pm

Where: Hall of Justice, Courtroom 303, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY

More information: Mary Aufleger, Liaison, NYS Child Welfare Court Improvement Project at (585) 428-4068 or mauflege@courts.state.ny.us

(No registration required)

Motivational Interviewing: The Spirit and Skills

What: Monroe County Office of Mental Health With Cheryl Martin, RN, CASAC
Motivational Interviewing Network Trainer

When: Monday, October 31, 2011 9am-4pm (one hour lunch provided)

Where: 1099 Jay St. Bldg. J Rochester NY 14611 Glenn Gravino Conference Room, 3rd floor

More information: Cost: \$30.00 (Make checks payable to CCSI/MCOMH). OASAS CASAC Credits are available. (Class Capacity is Limited to 25 participants – Register Early) Registration form is attached above.

RSVP no later than Tuesday, September 27, 2011 to Donna Jones at 753-2886, djones@monroecounty.gov or Fax 753-2884

Reminders

- Please consider applying your attendance for any events that might meet the objectives for independent study credit hours in order to complete your cultural competence training requirements (minimum of 3 credit hours) for the Department of Psychiatry.
- To see any past Stepping Out newsletters, please visit our OMHP homepage for the Stepping Out Archives at [Psychiatry Department: Office of Mental Health](#)

Promotion

For more information on events in the community check out the [DBSA Website](#)

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