

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **NAMI New Jersey, founded in 1985, is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families who are affected by mental illness through programs of support, education and advocacy.**
- ◆ **A featured plenary session on cognitive impairments and their rehabilitation across the lifespan, including insight from a former professional athlete.**
- ◆ **A luncheon session will look at the development and use of cutting-edge behavioral intervention technologies.**
- ◆ **A serious look at current issues relating to law enforcement, jail diversion, and advocacy for those with mental health diagnoses and their loved ones.**
- ◆ **Workshops on dual diagnosis disorders, how to be an effective advocate, and supports for those living with mental illness.**
- ◆ **Breakout sessions focusing on self-care and self-management, including respite care, medication optimization, and supported employment.**
- ◆ **The return of the highly popular and requested “Ask the Doctor” breakout session.**

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AGENDA

8:30 AM	Registration & Coffee
9:00 AM	Welcome Mark Perrin, MD, NAMI NJ President Sylvia Axelrod, MA, NAMI NJ Executive Director
9:15 AM	Opening Remarks Lynn A. Kovich, MEd, Assist. Commissioner, Div. of Mental Health and Addiction Services
9:30 AM	COGNITIVE CHALLENGES IN SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS: WHAT ARE THEY AND WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THEM? Steven Silverstein, PhD, Dir. of Research, Rutgers, Prof. of Psych., RWJ Med. School WHAT BABY BOOMERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS Steve Sonhle, PsyD, ABPP, Clinical Administrator - UBHC Edison/ Director COPSA Geriatric Services, Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care
10:45 AM	BREAK:
11:00 AM	TRANSFORMING STIGMA INTO STRENGTH: DRUM UP YOUR FEELINGS Mike Veny, Founder, "Transforming Stigma" & Professional Drummer
12:00 PM	Lunch / Book Signing
1:00 PM	RESEARCH ON BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION TECHNOLOGIES Michelle Burns, PhD, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine
1:45 PM	Break
2:00 PM	Concurrent Workshops

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT WORKSHOP TOPICS

- 1. Ask the Doctor**
Robert Stern, M.D., Essex County Hospital
Center, Acting Medical Director
- 2. Behavioral Intervention Technologies in Current Use**
Michelle Burns, Ph.D., Assistant Professor,
Northwestern University Feinberg School of
Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine
- 3. Dual Diagnosis: Trauma & Substance Use**
Stephanie Duva, Ph.D, Rutgers University Behavioral
Health Care
- 4. NAMI SMARTS for Advocacy/How to Advocate 101**
Fern Fine, trainer, NAMI SMARTS
Scott Fine, trainer, NAMI SMARTS
- 5. Overview of Employment Issues**
Brittany Stone, Integrated Employment Institute
Gerrard Radice, Mental Health Association in NJ,
Training Coordinator
- 6. Respite Centers – An Alternative to Hospitalization**
Joseph Meany, MSW, LCSW, CPRP; Collaborative
Statewide Wellness Respite Coordinator for CSPNJ
and Director of Mental Health Initiatives for TAFE
Christopher Falco, MA; Legacy Treatment Services,
Program Director
- 7. Self-Care and Self-Management**
Melissa Mclean, Hearing Voices, CSP-NJ
Lois Miller, Informed Choices, CSP-NJ
Yasmin Halim, CHOICES
Kristen Heckerth, Hearts & Minds, NAMI NJ
- 8. Treatment not Jail for People with Mental Illness**
Montclair Police Lt. Richard Cavanaugh, Law enforce-
ment Coordinator
Manuela Garcia, LSW; Director of Assisted Outpatient
Treatment Services/involuntary Outpatient
Commitment: Mental Health
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