

EDUCATION, TRAINING & PEER SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Education, Training & Peer Support Center's electronic newsletter. In this special issue, you will find information on the workshops and awards presented at this year's annual NAMI Convention, as well as other program highlights for NAMI's signature education programs: Family-to-Family; De Familia a Familia; Basics; Peer-to-Peer; In Our Own Voice; Connection Recovery Support Group; Family Support Group Facilitator Skills Training Program; and Provider Education Course.

NAMI 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION



This year's annual NAMI Convention, held in San Francisco from July 6-9, was a tremendous success. The Education Center held 12 presentations plus an Education Institute on all of the various programs, including 2 Spanish-language workshops on mental health and treatment disparities in the Latino community. Other key workshops included...

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FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

Program Statistics

Over 200,000 graduates

Over 3,500 volunteer teachers

Program has been translated into:

- Spanish
- Italian
- Vietnamese
- Arabic



NAMI Delaware and AstraZeneca have been community neighbors for many years with unwavering AstraZeneca support of NAMI events. A small group comprised of NAMI Delaware leaders ... [Read more](#)....



NAMI Staff: National Education Director: Joyce Burland, Ph.D
 Director: Lynne Saunders
 Fulfillment Manager: Marshall Epstein
 Coordinator: Ana Ferrara

DE FAMILIA A FAMILIA

Program Statistics

Program is offered in 11 states, as well as Mexico

5 Training of Trainers Trainings

2 National Teacher Trainings



Two Spanish-language workshops were presented at this year's convention. Participants were presented with outreach and best practice strategies to continue and/or implement a Spanish-language education program. [Read more](#)...



NAMI Staff: Coordinator: Ana Ferrara

BASICS

Program Statistics

states offering the program: 20

states still holding teacher trainings in 2009: 6

Total # classes since implementation: 132

Total # graduates since implementation: 1,033



Donna Pollard received the first annual NAMI Basics Leadership Award at the 2009 NAMI National Convention in San Francisco July 8. Donna is the director of education programs for NAMI Orange County, and serves as the volunteer statewide coordinator for NAMI Basics in California. [Read more...](#)



NAMI Staff: Director: Teri Brister, Ph.D.
Education Programs Assistant: Alexis Wadsworth

PEER-TO-PEER

Program Statistics

states offering the program: 28

courses in 2009: 86

graduates in 2009: 760

trainings in 2009: 10

new mentors in 2009: 157



Rose Marie Delaney, NAMI Florida's Peer-to-Peer program director, received this year's Peer-to-Peer Distinguished Service Award for her hard work and dedication to expanding the program throughout her state. Over 30 Peer-to-Peer classes were held in FL last year! Rose says that it brings her joy to witness the transformation in her peers participating in the program. [Read more...](#)



NAMI Staff: Director: Sarah O'Brien
Coordinator: Kerry McCullough

IN OUR OWN VOICE

Program Statistics

So Far This Year...

903 presentations

18,718 audience members reached

105 consumers have become presenters

17 presenters have become trainers



The recent NAMI Annual Convention was an excellent venue to showcase the work of In Our Own Voice (IOOV). An informative and very interactive marketing workshop was facilitated by Diana Waugh of NAMI San Diego, Michael Boyd of NAMI Indiana and Cynthia Evans, Program Director of IOOV. [Read more...](#)



NAMI Staff: Director: Cynthia Evans
Education Programs Assistant: Alexis Wadsworth

CONNECTION

Program Statistics

So Far This Year...

New Facilitators Trained:
1,665

Operational Support Groups:
386

State Trainings:
24

New State Trainers:
90



The NAMI Connection program is now in its third and final launch year, so we wanted to be sure to showcase what has been accomplished over the last 2 ½ years, and share... [Read more...](#)



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**FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
FACILITATOR SKILLS
TRAINING PROGRAM**

Over 20 states run Family Support Groups led by facilitators trained to use the NAMI Support Group Facilitator Skills Training Model



**Family Support Group
Facilitator Skills Training Program**

We plan on working with additional state organizations undertaking Family Support Group leader training with the NAMI model this fall. Please notify Marshall Epstein (marshall@nami.org) or (703)-516-7975 when you schedule your training. Marshall will also be available to discuss logistical needs and answer questions about the Support Group Facilitator Skills Training Model.

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Fulfillment Manager: Marshall Epstein

**PROVIDER EDUCATION
COURSE**

Program Statistics

classes since inception: 460

graduates since inception: 10,773

teacher trainings since inception: 121

new teachers since inception: 1,506



Provider Education Course

The Provider Education Program is designed to educate line staff in mental health settings about the lived experience of mental illness, but we have longed to see this training reach providers early in their professional careers as part of a graduate school curriculum.

We are happy to report that NAMI Utah has signed a contract with the University of Utah to teach the 10-week Provider Education Course in the summer of 2010. According to NAMI Utah Program Director Chandra Fenwick, the course will be directed to graduate students in social work, and the university department of social work has also asked NAMI Utah to create evaluation measures and grade students. Congratulations to Chandra for making this milestone a reality!

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