GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NAMI CONVENTION

The NAMI Convention is packed with information, chances to network, leadership development opportunities, and lots more. To help ensure that you get what you want from the convention, we offer this highly abbreviated version of the program indicating what areas of interest different session and events address. *(Note: A more detailed convention schedule will be available on this site in December.)*

Use the key below to determine which program and events best fits your areas of interest:

- **Becoming more familiar with NAMI's leadership – ●**
- **Obtaining tools to enhance my leadership skills – ◆**
- **Learning about programs and resources for me and/or my family member - ■**
- **Finding out about new services, research, and treatment – ⬣**
- **Looking for an entertaining change of pace and/or a chance to connect with other attendees - ✱**

Please use the colored shapes ● ◆ ■ ⬣ ✱ that correspond to the different categories as a quick guide to help you pick the days that are most beneficial to you.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6		
Time	**Program Offering**	**These programs are particularly relevant to attendees interested in:**
9:00am -11:30am	**Council Meetings** *(Consumer Council, State Presidents Council, National Veterans Council, Executive Directors Group)* **Affiliate Leaders Networking**	● ◆
12:45 pm-1:45pm	**Speeches by Candidates for the NAMI Board of Directors**	●
2:00pm - 6:00pm	**Leadership Institute** *(The Leadership Institute offers leadership & organizational development opportunities for leaders of state organizations and local affiliates. The Institute enhances the ability of our leaders to manage, govern, teach, and advocate.)*	◆

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THURSDAY, JULY 7		
Time	**Program Offering**	**These programs are particularly relevant to attendees interested in:**
8:00am - 9:00am	**Coffee Meet & Greet w/the NAMI Board of Directors** *(Attendees are invited to start the day off by sharing a cup of coffee with members of the NAMI Board.)*	●
9:00am - 12noon	**Education, Training & Peer Support Institute & Workshops** (*Learn more about Family-to-Family*, *NAMI Connection, Peer-to-Peer, IOOV, & NAMI Basics)*	◆ ■
9:00am - 12noon	**Estate Planning Seminar** *(helping to meet the special needs of NAMI families)*	■
1:30pm - 3:00pm	**Opening Plenary Session** *(The official opening of the convention with top-notch speakers making powerful presentations.)*	● ■ ⬢
3:30pm - 5:30pm	**Networking Meetings** *(An opportunity to share resources and insights with other convention attendees. FaithNet, BPD, and Children & Adolescents, are just a few of the many topics presented in networking sessions.)*	◆ ■ ⬢ ✱
6:30pm - 9:00pm	**NAMI Homecoming Party** *(welcoming all attendees to the 2011 Convention!)*	✱

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FRIDAY, JULY 8		
Time	**Program Offering**	**These programs are particularly relevant to attendees interested in:**
8:45am-12:30pm	**Symposia** *(During the two sets of five symposia, issues critical to improving the lives of people affected by mental illness are examined in detail.)*	◆ ■ ⬣
12:30pm – 2:00pm	**Poster Sessions** *(a poster session is a visual presentation and a great opportunity to learn of projects underway in our grassroots.)*	◆ ■ ⬣
2:00pm- 4:45 pm	**Workshops** *(Workshops share innovative ideas and projects underway in our grassroots. Come learn!)*	◆ ■ ⬣
7:00pm-9:30pm	**Meetings, Movies or Music!** *(What are you in the mood for tonight? Attend a special research presentation, view a new film, or dance the night away at the free Friday night dance across the street in Grant Park!)*	■ ⬣ ✱

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SATURDAY, JULY 9		
Time	**Program Offering**	**These programs are particularly relevant to attendees interested in:**
8:30am-10:00am	**Research Plenary** *(Learn abut the latest research innovations of such importance to our members.)*	◆ ■ ⬢
10:15am-11:45am	**NAMI Business Meeting** *(Join the celebration of all things NAMI: catch the election news, meet NAMI's newly-elected Board, hear from our President, and honor NAMI's proud tradition of advocacy and learn from the real experts – NAMI members!)*	● ■
1:30pm-5:00pm	**Ask the Doctor Sessions and "ASK US"** *(A chance to ask questions of top researchers and clinicians sharing work underway to treat and defeat mental illness. You'll also have the chance to hear important perspectives from our consumer leaders.)*	◆ ■ ⬢
7:00pm-10:00pm	**Talent Show & Dance!** (*Come share your talent! Then put on your dancing shoes and boogie with our favorite DJ.)*	✱