

Creating Hope

The Power of Faith Communities in Mental Health Recovery

- ▶ More than 70% of individuals have interaction with a place of worship or faith community monthly.
- ▶ Clergy outnumber psychiatrists nearly 10:1 and are more equitably distributed geographically than health professionals.
- ▶ More than 30% of individuals who sought treatment and support for mental illness did so from a clergy member (compared with 16% for psychiatrists and general medical doctors).
- ▶ Faith communities play a crucial role in the mental health care system; however, most clergy and faith leaders report feeling inadequately trained to support people with mental illness.

Samaritan Counseling Center's Clergy and Congregation Care (CCC) program and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Fox Valley along with members of the Mental Health Ministries Task Force are partnering to offer a one-day mental health training to clergy and church staff members. Learn how faith communities and people engaged in mental health recovery can work together to educate their communities about mental illness, break stigma and develop supportive, caring responses. The training will offer faith leaders resources to create caring congregations that help facilitate mental health recovery.

Thursday, Oct. 30
8:00am - 4:30pm

Grand Meridian
2621 N Oneida Street, Appleton

Registration

Deadline: Oct. 17, 2014

\$50 registration fee includes lunch and a congregation toolkit with information about breaking stigma, creating a faith-based support group, materials for worship services, community resources, etc.

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Schedule

7:30 am	Registration
8:00 am	Introductions First-Person Accounts of Faith & Recovery
9:00 am	Mental Illness 101
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Special Populations: Veterans, Children, Older Adults, Cultural Awareness
11:30 am	Lunch (included)
12:30 pm	Crisis De-Escalation
1:45 pm	Addressing Stigma in Faith Communities Powerful Partnerships: Faith and Recovery
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Sharing the Journey through Practices of Companionship Bridges of Hope: Utilizing Faith in Recovery
3:45 pm	Congregation Toolkit What's Next and Evaluations

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 17, 2014

Congregation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Names of Congregation Clergy and Staff/Leadership Attending:

Number attending: _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

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Please submit this registration form & payment to:

The Mental Health Ministries Project

In 2012, Samaritan Counseling Center approached NAMI Fox Valley to discuss support for faith communities and leaders on understanding mental health. Through NAMI Fox Valley's 2012 Community Survey, the agency found that education and programming for faith communities and education and support programs incorporating spirituality were identified as community needs and part of desired programming. Both agencies were being approached by faith leaders and congregations to provide training and support for members affected by mental illness. In 2013, a diverse group of faith leaders, clergy, consumers, family members and other interested community members formed a Mental Health Ministries Task Force to explore community need, opportunities for training/support and planning and funding. The Task Force hopes to provide further training and resources to create caring congregations in our community that support and promote mental health and recovery.



Samaritan Counseling Center provides cost-effective, state-licensed professional counseling

to children, youth, adults, couples and families. The center views your spirituality as integral to your emotional healing and growth, and when skillfully integrated into therapy, offers hope, inspiration and direction. Samaritan also provides support to faith-based organizations through education, coaching and consulting to renew their organization and grow through the Clergy & Congregation Care (CCC) initiative. More information at: www.samaritan-counseling.com.



NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Fox Valley works to support and empower everyone touched

by mental illness by committing to eliminate stigma and nurture recovery through education, support, advocacy and outreach. NAMI offers a broad range of programs and services for persons living with mental illness, their families, professionals and community members. NAMI Fox Valley is affiliated with NAMI Wisconsin and NAMI national.

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