

Families In Action

Designed to help families deal with grief and how to help their loved one(s) move toward recovery.

The family members who conduct the program are people just like you. They have also lived the hardships of mental illness and have been trained on how to share their experiences with others.

2012 10-Week Series Dates

Spring Session:

St. Regis begins Wednesday, March 14, 2012 through Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Fall Session:

St. Regis begins Wednesday, September 12, 2012 through Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Place: St. Regis Parish School Campus

Father Shield's Clubroom
3695 Lincoln Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Class size is limited and we are unable to accept walk-ins. You must pre-register for the program.

Reservations are on a first come basis.

Meetings start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
Coffee and conversation begins at 6:45 p.m.

For any information regarding NAMI mental health educational programs at Oakwood-Heritage Hospital please call 248.348.7197 or check out www.namimetro.org



*"This program breaks the isolation and closed in circle you can feel at times when caring for a loved one with mental illness...this group empowers you by giving information, personal first hand practical help...and hope."
Anonymous*



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**Working Towards Family
Harmony Through A Better
Understanding Of Mental Illness**

Application/Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date: _____

If you would like to be put on the waiting list for 2012 please mail above registration form to:

Families In Action NAMI-Metro
c/o Mary Ellen Judd
P.O. Box 852
Northville, MI 48167

A nominal fee of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple will be charged at the time of final registration. NAMI has an open door policy for individuals/families in need & scholarships are available.

For questions call
(248)348-7197
or email mejudd@comcast.net

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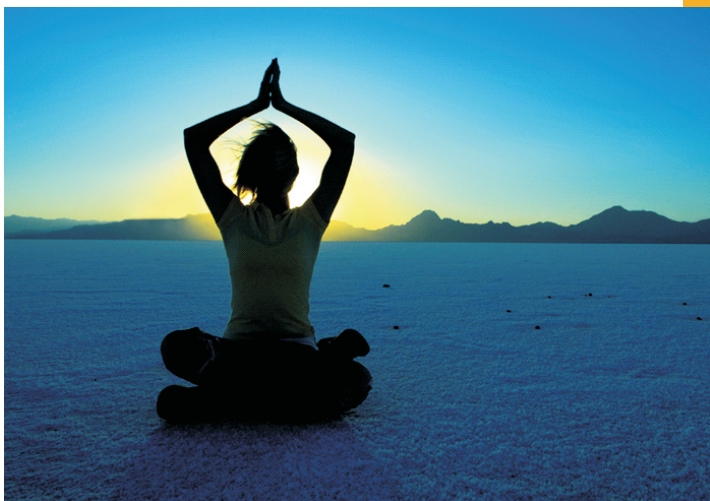
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Educational Program

Families in Action is an educational program that is designed specifically for people with a loved one that is experiencing a serious form of mental illness.

The program was initially developed by NAMI-Michigan. It is a series of ten, 2 hour weekly sessions facilitated by family members who have been trained by the Education Committee of NAMI-Michigan.



Recovery

Recent clinical research documents that families who are educated about mental illness are able to cope with it better and have a positive impact on the recovery process of their loved ones.

"Families in Action has given me strength to look in the future. That yes, there will be some extremely difficult times but there is much hope that things can improve."

E - Ortonville

"The program exceeded my expectations. I expected to get a lot of information. I didn't expect the amount of passion the presenters have to help the families that are in this situation. Thank you."

A. - Oxford

Learn About

Families Wants and Needs
Recovery as a Process of Hope
Community Resources
Signs and Symptoms
Medications
Stress Management
Communication Skills
Dual Diagnosis
Dealing with Difficult Symptoms
Supporting Recovery



"The program has been a wealth of knowledge and the spontaneity of sharing personal triumphs, setbacks, tears and laughter has been a wonderful experience."

L.C.

"For the last 14 years I was searching for some guidance, help or a way to coexist with my family members who are mentally ill. I have gained a lot of useful information. Bless your work."

Z. - Detroit

Goals

To help families understand mental illness and how it affects the family.

To help families discover ways to help their family member be as healthy, happy, and independent as possible.

To help the ill family member work toward recovery.

To help families experience for themselves how to become effective partners in their family member's treatment plan.

To help families learn how to cope with stress.

To help family members experience a supportive environment and maintain contact with group members for future support.

"An oasis in the desert .. thank you".
Anonymous



Testimonials

"This course has changed my life."
L-Harrison Twp.

"I was totally unaware of community resources, most mental health organizations and available newsletters, now I know a lot more and have a great book for reference."

T - Waterford

"A lot of these strategies and ideas, info, etc. I learned as a special ed teacher - the link to mental illness was a great refresher course for me. I am so grateful to have been a part of this course. Your generosity of time, experience and support is overwhelming to me. I'm glad to know you are there." GG

"This was one of the best classes I have ever attended (after two college degrees and many corporate classes)! It was highly enlightening and very well structured and executed. Provided terrific insight into the lives of those with MI and their families. I now feel empowered to do my best and assist my loved one. Your team of volunteers are angels -- all the time, openness and caring they give to us -- immeasurable." RD

At last, a class created especially for those who have a loved one struggling with serious mental illness! I have been searching for something like this for 24 years."

S -Oxford

