

Conference Overview

Friday, November 15th • 10am-9:30pm

- **Opening panel:**
Addressing Suicide in the Military Community, the Criminal Justice System and Involving Children and Adolescents. Speakers include:
Lt. Col. Paul Morrissey, Chief of Psychiatric Services, Fort Drum and Jay Giedd, MD, Chief, Unit on Brain Imaging, Child Psychiatry Branch, NIMH Division of Intramural Research Programs.
- **Three Focus Tracks on Mental Health Issues Impacting:**
Children and Adolescents; the Military Community; and Justice Issues.
- **Session on Participating in NIMH Research Trials.**
- **Session on NAMI Signature Programs in Local Communities.**
- **Dinner and Keynote Address:** *Quo Vadis* –
Jeffrey Lieberman, MD, President, American Psychiatric Association.
- Two and a half hours of designated time for attendees to visit exhibitors.

Saturday, November 16th • 8:30am-9:30pm

- **Morning Plenary Session:**
Update on Research and Changing the Public Perception of Mental Illness
Jeffrey Borenstein, MD, President and CEO Brain and Behavior Research Foundation, and Host of the Healthy Minds television show.
- **Lunch Presentation,**
The Importance of Family Education and Support and Their Role in the Recovery Team
Thomas Jewell, Ph.D, Family Institute for Education, Practice & Research University of Rochester Medical Center.
- **Breakout Workshop Session 1:** Research and Clinical Updates on Specific Psychiatric Diseases, (topics: Schizophrenia, Bi-Polar Disorder, Anxiety Disorders, Dual Diagnosis, and Psychopharmacology)
- **Breakout Workshop Session 2:** Exploring Issues Impacting NAMI-NYS and the Mental Health Movement (topics: Geriatric Mental Health, Housing/Independent Living Centers, Cultural Competency, Rural Mental Health, Recovery/Peer Services).
- **Afternoon Plenary Session:** *Navigating Mental Health: A Tale of Two Families* –
Lloyd Sederer, MD, Medical Director, New York State Office of Mental Health.
- **Dinner and Award Presentations.**
- **Evening Program:** *Stand Up for Mental Health*
David Granirer, Founder and Director, Stand Up for Mental Health
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Sunday, November 17th • 9am-Noon

- **Plenary Session Panel Discussion:**
Exploring Wellness Issues. Speakers include:
Gregory Miller, Medical Director, Adult Services, New York State Office of Mental Health.
- **Plenary Session:** *Ask the Doctor*
Lewis Opler, MD, Retired Medical Director, New York State Office of Mental Health.

THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO FEATURE BOOK SIGNINGS, GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS.