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NOVEMBER 15th-17th
Desmond Hotel and Conference Center
Albany, NY

Focus Track on Mental Health Issues
Impacting Children and Adolescents

Friday, November 15th 2013

12:30am-2pm **Addressing Suicide Within the Military, Criminal Justice System and Involving Children and Adolescents**

Suicide is a concern for all people affected by mental illness. NAMI-NYS has assembled an expert panel to address suicide in three subgroups where suicide is overly prevalent: the military community; the criminal justice system; and involving children and adolescents. The panel will explore what steps can be taken to prevent suicide in these populations. Topics to be discussed include: the Army STARRS study; preventing “suicide by cop”; preventing suicide in the correctional and forensic mental health units; understanding the development of the teenage brain and how that impacts mental health and the decision making process; and the effects of bullying

Jay Giedd, M.D., Chief, Unit on Brain Imaging, Child Psychiatry Branch NIMH Division of Intramural Research
Lt. Col. Paul Morrissey, MD, Chief of Psychiatric Services, Fort Drum

Others TBA

Moderated by Gary O’Brien, Suicide Prevention Center, Research Foundation for Mental Health

2:30-3:45pm **The Teenage Brain: Still Under Construction**

NAMI-NYS welcomes one of the world’s premiere Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, Dr. Jay Giedd to lead this fascinating session. Dr. Giedd has written over 200 papers that span a wide range of topics and have a substantial impact not only in psychiatry but also in the public policy, judicial and education realms. This session will explore Dr. Giedd’s work as the Chief of Brain Imaging at the NIMH Child Psychiatry Branch and how his research exploring the teen brains helps explain adolescent behavioral patterns and decision making. Dr. Giedd will also discuss his interests in the education/neuroscience interface, and the impact of digital technologies on the way adolescents learn, play, and interact.

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Adjunct Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

4:15-5:30pm **Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Transition Age Youth and Cross-System Kids**

This session will explore how to address the mental health needs of young people after they have turned eighteen and those youth in various supportive or rehabilitative systems such as foster care and the juvenile justice system. Topics to be discussed include; how do we assure that kids in both categories receive the proper education, and what can a parent do if their child living with mental illness wants to continue to get a high school education past the age of eighteen; how are services delivered to youth over eighteen and those whose needs are met through various social service providers; what can be done for children who have both a mental illness and a developmental disability; and how do youth living with a mental illness succeed in college.

Tom O’Clair, Division of Recipient Affairs, New York State Office of Mental Health
Jenn O’Connor, New York State Director, Fight Crime, Invest in Kids.