



NAMI

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Northside Atlanta



Find Help. Find Hope. You Are Not Alone. Mental Health Awareness: Wear/display a Green Ribbon

Mission: Rebuild the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illnesses.

Support • Education • Advocacy • Research • Hope Starts With You !

• Regular Free Support Groups, Education Meetings, Classes and Presentations •

North Atlanta's Voice on Mental Illness • Including, but not limited to: Alpharetta, Buckhead, Brookhaven, Dunwoody, East Cobb, Johns Creek, Milton, Roswell, Sandy Springs, NW Gwinnett

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► Monthly Education Meeting Monday, September 28, Adoption, The Rest of the Story.

Room #258, Dunwoody Methodist Church, Refreshments available 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM Speaker: Leslie Pate Mackinnon will offer an overview of the psychology that underlies adoption and explain why adopted individuals have long been over-represented and under-served in psychiatric settings. She'll also share how advancements in the field are reshaping the way adoption is practiced today. See Leslie's BIO on NNA website. Hope to see you there. Education Program Chair: Susie Kyle

NAMIWalks: Please register now and involve your friends and neighbors for Saturday, **September 26, 10:00 AM at Grant Park**, raise funds, get some exercise (or find a comfortable to sit) and help overcome stigma with education and awareness. Coordinator: Beth Sanders sand356@gmail.com NAMIWalks namiwalks.nami.org/northsiders

Mental Health First Aid Training Class hosted by Northside, **Free: Register Now**, there are still some seats available, presented by the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network www.gmhcn.org at Dunwoody United Methodist Church Room #258 on Saturday October 31, 2015 9-5 PM; Subway salad and sandwich lunches will be provided. Send an email to naminorthsideatl@gmail.com with names and phone numbers of attendees. Powell Cotter is coordinating.

The executive committee of the Georgia DBHDD Advisory Council met with DBHDD regarding By-Laws policies and procedures. There is much to be resolved. The Region 3 Advisory Board has relocated to the Atlanta Regional Hospital – where future meetings will be held. Please periodically check the following link <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/region-3-field-office> There will be updates for clarity of function.

We should watch our language that may promote stigma and educate/advise others.

Take The NAMI National Caregivers survey – Help Research.
<http://www.nami.org/caregivingsurvey>

Mental Illness Research endorsed by NAMI National
http://www2.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=About_Research&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=171766

NAMI Georgia has employed a new Executive Director, Kim Jones. Please welcome her.

The Green Ribbon use is expanding see Dekalb Diversion Treatment Court web site.
<http://www.dekalbcountymagistratecourt.org/diversiontreatmentcourt.asp>

There is a strategic plan review in progress of PLAN of Georgia, Planned Lifetime Assistance Network; most of the Board members are family members. Have you or folks you know - who may need this service - considered this fee based service. Please review their website: <http://www.planofgeorgia.org/>

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