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GIVING A **voice** TO **recovery**





GIVING A VOICE TO RECOVERY

The Voice Awards program honors consumer/peer leaders in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders who educate others about the real experiences of people with behavioral health problems. These leaders are sharing their personal stories of recovery and working to reduce the discrimination and misperceptions associated with people with behavioral health problems throughout the Nation.

The awards program also recognizes television and film writers and producers who give a voice to people with mental and/or substance use disorders by incorporating dignified, respectful, and accurate portrayals of these individuals into their scripts, programs, and productions. Through the work of these entertainment professionals, audiences can experience the stories of people with behavioral health problems and embrace the hope and promise of recovery from these conditions.

Collectively, these two groups of leaders are demonstrating that people with behavioral health problems can and do recover and go on to lead meaningful lives in their communities.

The Voice Awards program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services.



WELCOME TO THE 2013 voice awards

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, along with its program partners, has always worked to make the Voice Awards event an enriching experience. Tonight our voice of recovery is stronger than ever. We know not only that recovery is possible, but also that it will be more accessible to those with behavioral health challenges in the coming year than ever before.

Changing attitudes about behavioral health in our country is truly a collaborative endeavor that requires a dynamic partnership among consumers/peers and persons in recovery; government; private entities; print, broadcast, and entertainment media; grassroots organizations; and more to not only introduce but sustain the SAMHSA ideals that Behavioral Health is Essential to Health—Prevention Works—Treatment is Effective—People Recover. We are so pleased that, over the past eight years, our Voice Awards partnerships continue to flourish.

We attribute part of that success to our work that extends beyond the Voice Awards event and advances the educational objectives of the program. The Voice Awards Fellowship Program, for example, is a pilot project designed to give consumer/peer leaders in the behavioral health community the skills they need to amplify their voices to promote important behavioral health messages. Our first eight Fellows began their training last year, and have been active storytellers—in a variety of live and digital settings—teaching others through their lived experiences.

Tonight, we embark on a new town hall format that is designed to further advance that educational goal by opening the dialogue around behavioral health issues to members of the audience.

By being with us tonight, you are part of this work. We will have seven amazing consumer/peer leadership award winners who come from diverse backgrounds and have had powerful experiences that shaped not only their own lives but also the lives of others. We hope their personal stories show you the many faces of behavioral health. At the same time, as you watch clips of the 12 movies, documentaries, and television shows that are being honored this year, we hope that your understanding of what it means to have mental and/or substance use needs in the U.S. is better informed and reflective of reality.

We want you in the audience, our Webcast viewers, and those seeking information from the Voice Awards or SAMHSA Web sites to walk away from these touch points with a greater understanding of the real experiences of individuals with mental and substance use disorders. However, we have a larger call to action: Take what you see and hear as part of tonight's program and share it with others. If you know of people in need, reach out to them. Research has shown that the simple act of feeling socially accepted, no matter by whom, can make a difference in whether someone in need seeks help.

Hope is a powerful thing, and as you'll hear tonight, it has carried many an individual, family, and even community to a place of healing and recovery. These are stories worth telling, over and over again.

Pamela S. Hyde, J.D.
Administrator, SAMHSA



SAMHSA host

KANA ENOMOTO, M.A.

Principal Deputy Administrator
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Kana Enomoto, M.A., was appointed in August 2011 as the Principal Deputy Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In this capacity, she serves as the principal advisor to the SAMHSA Administrator on policies and programmatic activities for an agency with more than 600 employees and a fiscal year budget of approximately \$3.5 billion.

Ms. Enomoto brings 23 years of experience in the behavioral health field, 15 of which have been in Federal service at SAMHSA. Prior to her appointment as Principal Deputy Administrator, she served as the Director of the newly established Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation, where she developed, coordinated, and communicated SAMHSA policies across the full spectrum of mental and substance use disorder policy issues.

Ms. Enomoto served as the Principal Senior Advisor to three SAMHSA administrators between 2005 and 2009, and as the Acting Deputy Administrator between 2008 and 2009.

The following SAMHSA officials are the architects and champions of the Voice Awards program as an educational forum to promote important behavioral health messages:

PAMELA S. HYDE, J.D., Administrator, SAMHSA

PAOLO DEL VECCHIO, M.S.W., Director, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)

CHRIS MARSHALL, Special Assistant to the Director, CMHS

MARLA HENDRIKSSON, M.P.M., Director, Office of Communications, SAMHSA

STEVEN FRY, Director, Office of Consumer Affairs, CMHS

WILMA TOWNSEND, Acting Director, Office of Consumer Affairs,
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

CARLTON SPEIGHT, Consumer Affairs Specialist, Office of Consumer Affairs, CMHS

AUGUST LODATO, Senior Communications Specialist, Office of Communications, SAMHSA

THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM

7 P.M. WELCOME

Opening Remarks

KANA ENOMOTO, M.A.

Principal Deputy Administrator

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

7:15 P.M. GIVING A VOICE TO COLLEAGUES AND COWORKERS

7:45 P.M. GIVING A VOICE TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

8:15 P.M. A CONVERSATION WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

8:45 P.M. GIVING A VOICE TO CONSUMERS AND PEERS

The views expressed during this event do not necessarily represent the views, policies, and positions of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

GIVING A **voice** TO colleagues and coworkers



TELEVISION

CRACKING THE “**CASE**” FOR RECOVERY

Dr. Daniel Pierce (Eric McCormack) is an eccentric neuroscience professor with paranoid schizophrenia who is recruited by the FBI to help solve complex cases. Daniel has an intimate knowledge of human behavior and the way the mind works. He can see patterns and look past people’s conscious emotions to see what lies beneath.

Daniel considers some of the hallucinations brought on by his schizophrenia to be a gift that occasionally allows him to make connections that his conscious mind can’t process. At other times, the hallucinations lead him to behave irrationally. His condition and offbeat manner make it difficult for him to achieve the close friendships and intimate relationships he craves. He’s in his element when teaching or solving an intricate puzzle or coded message. But in unfamiliar situations, he can become overwhelmed.

With the support of FBI agent Kate (Rachael Leigh Cook), teaching assistant Max (Arjay Smith), and best friend Natalie (Kelly Rowan), Daniel works to find a balance between his profession and his journey of recovery.

PERCEPTION Series

WRITERS: Kenneth Biller, Amanda Green, Jason Ning, Jerry Shandy, Michael Sussman

PRODUCERS: Kenneth Biller, Nicole Carrasco, Amanda Green, Eric McCormack, Blake McCormick, Jason Ning, Mark H. Ovitz, Alan Poul, David Roessell, Michael Sussman, Stephen Tolkin

THE NEWSROOM

THE “**WILL**” AND THE WAY TO OVERCOME TRAUMA



TELEVISION

THE NEWSROOM Season 1, Episode 6 | **Bullies**

WRITER: Aaron Sorkin

PRODUCERS: Denis Biggs, Eli Bush, Dauri Chase, Christine Larson-Nitzsche, Lauren Lohman, Greg Mottola, Alan Poul, Sarah Rath, Paul Redford, Scott Rudin, Aaron Sorkin

Prompted by a lack of sleep that is affecting his broadcast performance, News Night anchor Will (Jeff Daniels) reluctantly agrees to see a therapist, at the urging of his concerned executive producer, MacKenzie (Emily Mortimer). Dr. Habib presses Will on the recent stresses at work, and learns that the biggest issue weighing on Will’s mind is a segment in which he essentially bullied a guest on the show. Dr. Habib senses that this incident triggered Will’s memories of his abusive father.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

American Psychological Association
www.apa.org



AMERICAN
PSYCHOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION

The American Psychological Association (APA), in Washington, D.C., is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. APA’s membership includes more than 134,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants, and students. Through its divisions in 54 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 State, territorial, and Canadian provincial associations, APA works to advance the creation, communication, and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people’s lives.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

APF American Psychiatric
Foundation
Research. Education. Impact.

American Psychiatric Foundation
www.americanpsychiatricfoundation.org

The American Psychiatric Foundation (APF) is the philanthropic and educational arm of the American Psychiatric Association. APF's mission is to advance mental health, overcome mental illness, and eliminate stigma. To accomplish this, APF promotes awareness of mental illnesses and the effectiveness of treatment; the importance of early intervention and access to care; and the need for high-quality services and treatment through a combination of public and professional education, research, research training, grants, and awards.



TELEVISION

A “SALUTE” TO RESILIENCE AND COURAGE

The NCIS team is called in to investigate an altercation involving Marine Capt. Joe Westcott (Brad Beyer). As the investigation unfolds, the team determines that Westcott is dealing with post-traumatic stress following combat operations in Iraq, where a member of his unit was killed. Unable to piece together the details and absolve himself from responsibility, Westcott is mired in guilt. To get Westcott the help he needs, NCIS investigators seek professional help from a military doctor at the U.S. Naval Hospital who assures him that his condition is not unique, and he is not alone.

NCIS

Season 10, Episodes 6-7
Shell Shock (Part 1), Shell Shock (Part 2)

WRITERS: Nicole Mirante-Matthews, Gina
Lucita Monreal

PRODUCERS: Donald P. Bellisario, Steven D.
Binder, Shane Brennan, Frank Cardea, Avery
C. Drewe, Gary Glasberg, Mark Harmon, Mark
Horowitz, Chas. Floyd Johnson, Nicole Mirante-
Matthews, Richie Owens, Joshua Rixon,
George Schenck, Mark R. Schilz, Reed Steiner,
Christopher J. Waild, Scott Williams

“SINGLE-MINDED” FOR RESEARCH AND RECOVERY

General Peter Chiarelli, United States Army (retired), has almost 40 years of experience designing and implementing American defense policy for the U.S. Army and Department of Defense, both in peace and during combat operations. He was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of One Mind for Research (One Mind) in 2012.

As commander of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Gen. Chiarelli was responsible for the combat operations of more than 147,000 U.S. and Coalition troops. He pioneered efforts to restore government, economic stability, and essential services during two tours in Iraq; exercised command and control of combat operations; and trained, prepared, and mobilized reserve forces for critical response operations.

As the 32nd Vice Chief of Staff in the Army, Gen. Chiarelli was responsible for researching, developing, and executing recommendations related to the Army's behavioral health programs; specifically, its Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention Program.

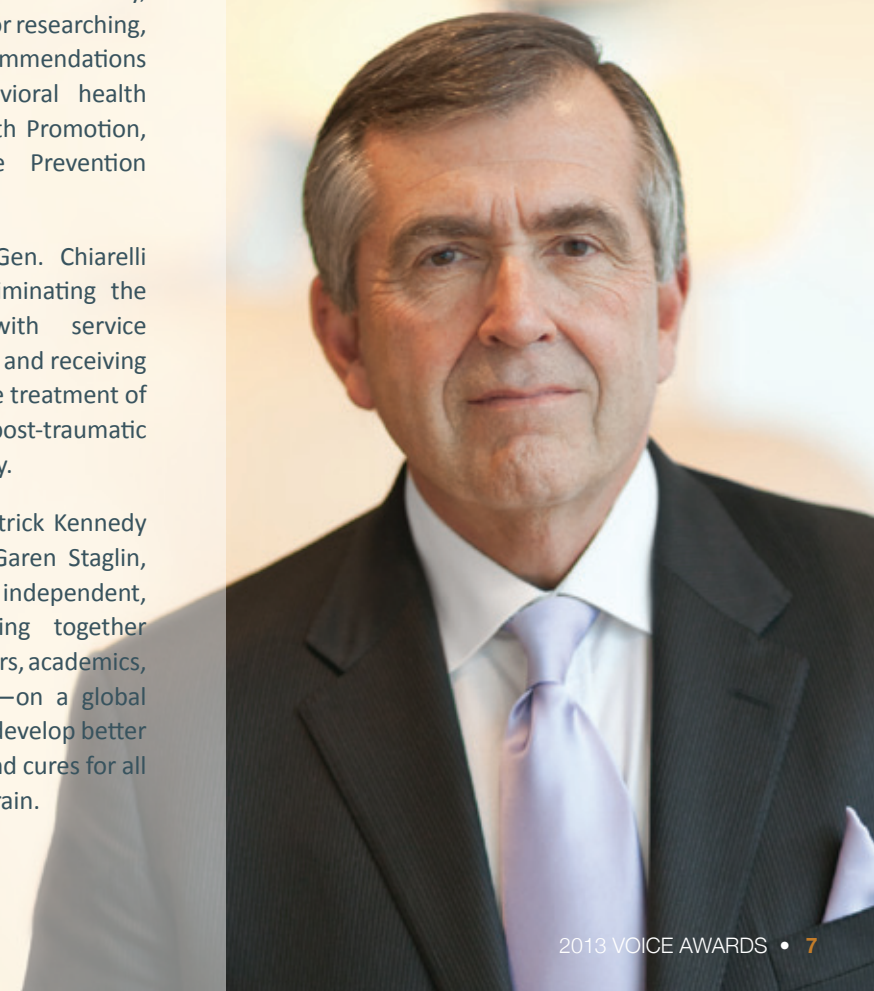
As the CEO of One Mind, Gen. Chiarelli continues to advocate for eliminating the discrimination associated with service members and Veterans seeking and receiving the assistance they need for the treatment of the invisible wounds of war: post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.

Co-founded by former Rep. Patrick Kennedy and mental health advocate Garen Staglin, One Mind for Research is an independent, nonprofit organization bringing together health care providers, researchers, academics, and the health care industry—on a global scale—with the goal to rapidly develop better diagnostics, new treatments, and cures for all illnesses and disorders of the brain.

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peter chiarelli
SAMHSA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD





PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

National Association of Social Workers
www.socialworkers.org

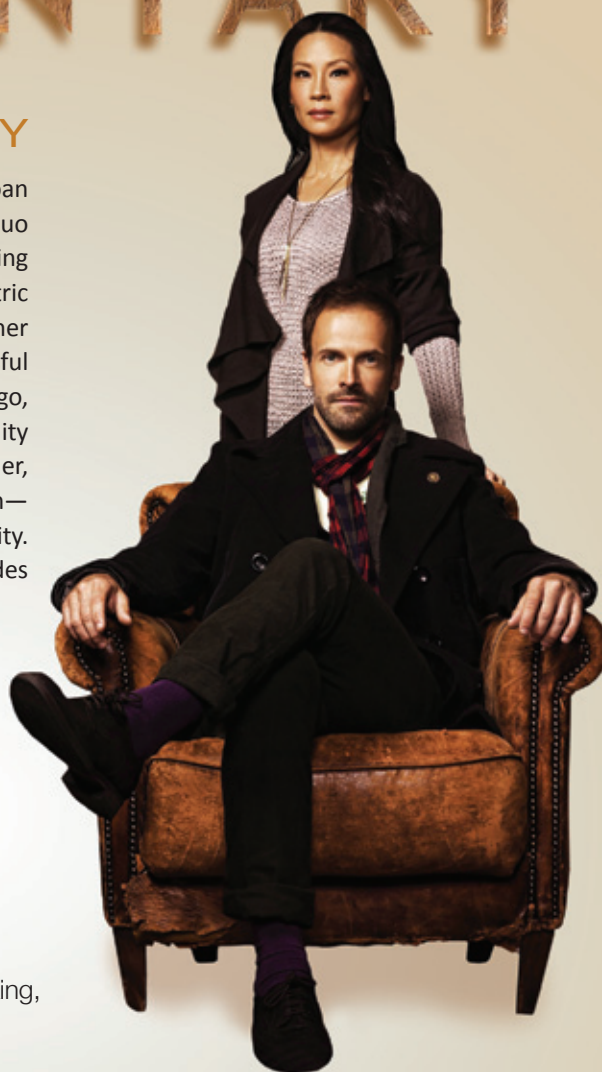


The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), in Washington, DC, is the largest membership organization of professional social workers with nearly 140,000 members. It promotes, develops, and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW seeks to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through its advocacy.

ELEMENTARY

“CLUEING” IN TO RECOVERY

Detective Sherlock Holmes (Jonny Lee Miller) and Dr. Joan Watson (Lucy Liu) are a modern-day crime-solving duo that cracks the NYPD’s most impossible cases. Following his fall from grace in London and a stint in rehab, eccentric Holmes escapes to Manhattan, where his wealthy father forces him to live with a sober companion. A successful surgeon until she lost a patient and her license 3 years ago, Dr. Watson views her current job as another opportunity to help people. In denial about his substance use disorder, Holmes has devised his own post-rehab regimen—resuming his work as a police consultant in New York City. Watson accompanies Sherlock on his jobs and provides him with support as he works on his recovery.



TELEVISION

ELEMENTARY Series

WRITERS: Peter Blake, Corinne Brinkerhoff, Robert Doherty, Liz Friedman, Mark Goffman, Jeffrey Paul King, Brian Rodenbeck, Christopher Silber, Craig Sweeny, Jason Tracey

PRODUCERS: Carl Beverly, Alysse Bezaehler, Peter Blake, Corinne Brinkerhoff, John David Coles, Michael Cuesta, Robert Doherty, Jonathan Filley, Liz Friedman, Mark Goffman, Geoffrey Hemwall, Chris Leanza, Melissa Owen, Christopher Silber, Craig Sweeny, Sarah Timberman, Jason Tracey, David Yoneshige



TELEVISION

HOMELAND



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RESILIENCE THAT STRIKES “HOME”

Carrie Mathison (Claire Danes), now working as an ESL teacher and thriving in recovery, is invited to return to the CIA to assist with a new threat to America. After arriving in Lebanon to participate in this mission, Carrie demonstrates her talent as an agent while working through bipolar disorder in such a high-stress and high-stake world. Successfully completing the mission and acquiring critical intelligence proving her suspicions about Marine Sgt. Nicholas Brody (Damian Lewis)—now a U.S. Congressman—Carrie co-leads the team to turn Brody back into an American intelligence asset. The season follows Carrie and Brody as they face the traumas of their past and the challenges of maintaining recovery when integrating back into society and the workplace.

HOMELAND Series

WRITERS: Alexander Cary, Henry Bromell, Alex Gansa, Howard Gordon, Chip Johannessen, Gideon Raff, Meredith Stiehm

PRODUCERS: Liat Benasuly, Henry Bromell, Alexander Cary, Michael Cuesta, Maria Feldman, Alex Gansa, Howard Gordon, Chip Johannessen, Michael Klick, Avi Nir, Katie O’Hara, Gideon Raff, Meredith Stiehm, Ran Telem



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

**National Association of State
Mental Health Program Directors**
www.nasmhpd.org

NASMHPD

National Association of
State Mental Health
Program Directors

The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) is a private nonprofit organization that represents the \$37.6 billion public mental health system serving 7.1 million people annually in all 50 States, four territories, and the District of Columbia. NASMHPD perceives mental health as essential to overall health and advocates for services that are recovery-oriented, person- and family-centered, and trauma-informed, in order for people with serious mental illnesses to live long and healthy lives.

GIVING A **voice** TO friends and family

PUTTING “FAITH” IN RECOVERY

Robert McKinley Gilmore, Sr. battled heroin addiction, depression, and two suicide attempts before he was age 20. An Air Force veteran who served as a medic, he felt powerless when so many injured soldiers died in his care.

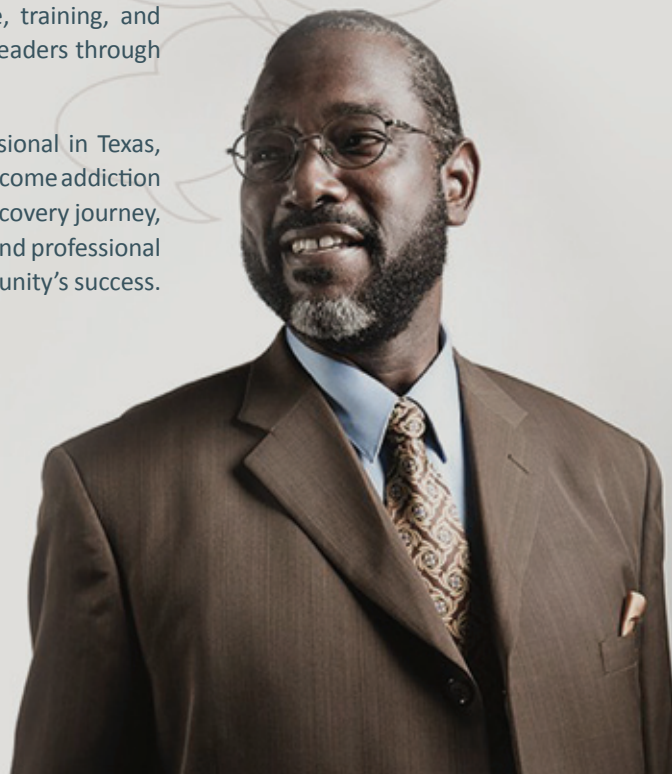
An ordained minister and public speaker, he founded Real Publishing in 1989, which chronicled his experiences with addiction and mental health challenges, including post-traumatic stress disorder from his military service, in the book, “A True Story: Hope After Dope, From a Drug Addict to a Doctor.”

Today, Robert is active in the Hope After Project, which works to foster an extensive social network that is user-driven, expert-supported, and provides hope and help for individuals in distress and communities in crisis. He also participates in Real Urban Ministry, Inc., which provides technical assistance, training, and resources to more than 800 community and faith leaders through urban ministry programs.

A national certified counselor and licensed professional in Texas, Robert serves as an example to others for how to overcome addiction and impact the community. As part of his 40-year recovery journey, he learned that churches, educational institutions, and professional resources can all lead to an individual’s and a community’s success.

**robert mckinley
gilmore, sr.**

CONSUMER/PEER LEADERSHIP AWARD



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COMPASSION

drew horn

CONSUMER/PEER LEADERSHIP AWARD



ENDING LONELINESS AT EVERY “TURN”

Having experienced homelessness, three failed businesses, two failed marriages, multiple stays in psychiatric wards, and suicide attempts, compassion is what saved **Drew Horn’s** life. Today he is bringing this same compassion to others as a motivational, inspirational, and therapeutic comic and clown.

In the spirit of his favorite saying, “Let the manure of your past fertilize your present and you’re guaranteed a great crop for the future,” Drew founded the Turn-A-Frown Around Foundation (TAFa) to link individuals in isolation with a friend network. He believes that friendship is the missing link in wellness and recovery, and that ending loneliness is an achievable goal.

Drew began to pursue comedy as part of a promise to his daughter that he would never attempt suicide again. Eventually, he realized that he wanted to do more than entertain—he wanted to end loneliness for individuals isolated because of their disabilities, living in an institution, or falling through the cracks of society. His vision is to populate the world with Smile Stations, a gathering of volunteers who befriend lonely souls in need of unconditional love.

Drew has been invited to speak and perform his Jelly Donut Entertainment at nursing homes, psychiatric facilities, hospitals, colleges, prisons, on television and radio programs, and conferences.

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

American Counseling Association
www.counseling.org

As the world’s largest association representing professional counselors in various practice settings, the American Counseling Association (ACA) stands ready to serve more than 53,000 members with the resources they need to make a difference. From Webinars, publications, and journals to conference education sessions and legislative action alerts, ACA is where counseling professionals turn for powerful, credible content and support.



AMERICAN COUNSELING
ASSOCIATION



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The American Occupational Therapy Association
www.aota.org

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) is the national professional association for occupational therapy practitioners, researchers, and students. The origins of occupational therapy are rooted in mental health and the early 20th century's mental health movement. Occupational therapy's purpose is to increase an individual's ability to live independently and productively, engaging in meaningful life roles of their choice. AOTA's major programs and activities support quality occupational therapy services, improving consumer access to health care services, and promoting the professional development of members.



A "FAMILY" STORY OF HOPE

Running from Crazy is a documentary examining the personal journey of model and actress Mariel Hemingway, the granddaughter of Ernest Hemingway, as she strives for a greater understanding of her family history of suicide and mental illness. Through stunning archival footage of the three Hemingway sisters and intimate moments with Mariel herself, the film examines the remarkable, though often heartbreaking, Hemingway legacy. As Mariel comes to terms with the tragedies of her family's past that have shaped the course of her life, deeply hidden secrets are revealed and truths emerge. Through it all, Mariel finds a way to overcome a similar fate for herself and her daughters.



DOCUMENTARY

PRODUCERS: Madeleine Akers, Kelly Brennan, David Cassidy, Lisa Erspamer, Erica Forstadt, Jan Ippolito, Barbara Kopple, Oprah Winfrey

RUNNING FROM CRAZY



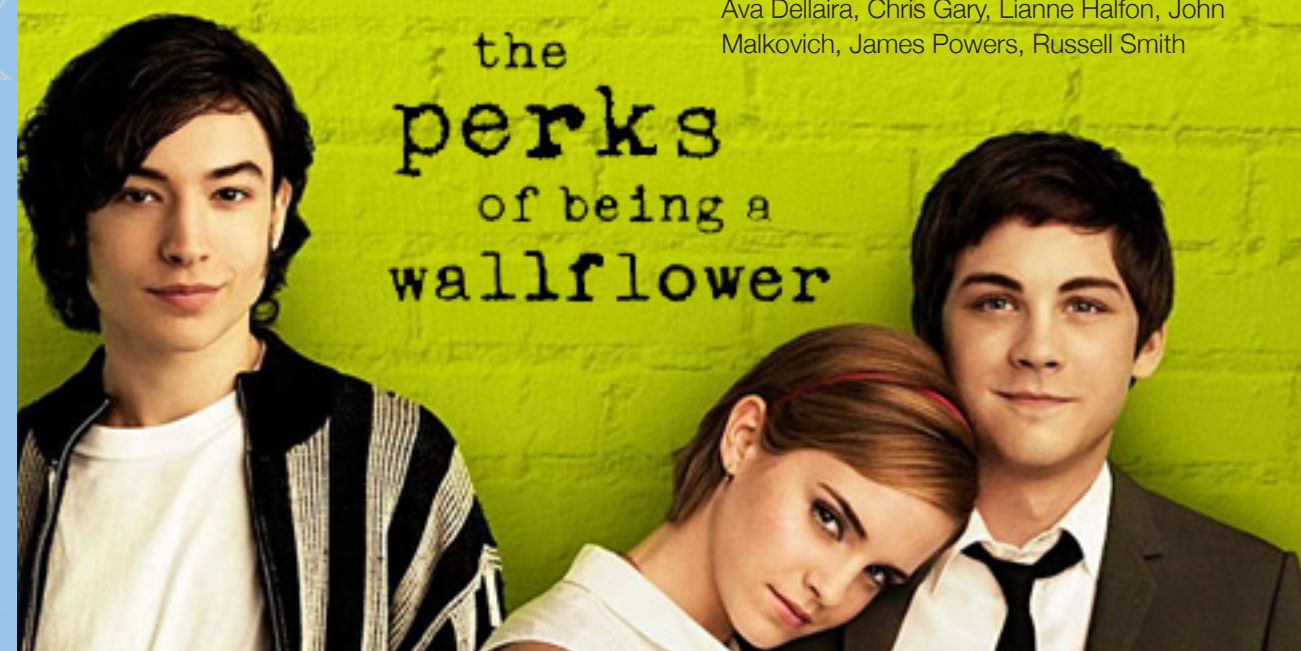
FILM

RESILIENCE "ROOTED" IN FRIENDSHIP

Based on Stephen Chbosky's best-selling novel, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* spotlights 15-year-old Charlie (Logan Lerman), about to begin high school without his only close friend, who completed suicide several months earlier. In an attempt to cope with his friend's death and his own anxiety of entering high school alone, Charlie begins writing letters to an anonymous stranger. He does not feel that he can lean on his parents (Dylan McDermott and Kate Walsh) or siblings for support, and laments that the only relative he ever felt close to was his Aunt Helen, who was killed in a car accident when he was 7 years old. At school, Charlie's new friends, Sam (Emma Watson) and Patrick (Ezra Miller), introduce him to new experiences that he begins writing about. After it surfaces that his Aunt Helen had molested him, Charlie experiences an emotional setback and is hospitalized. His final letters close with a feeling of hope and determination: Although he can not change his past, he will shape his own future.

WRITERS: Stephen Chbosky

PRODUCERS: Gillian Brown, Stephen Chbosky, Ava Dellaira, Chris Gary, Lianne Halfon, John Malkovich, James Powers, Russell Smith



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
<http://dmh.lacounty.gov>



The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is the largest county mental health department in the country, with 75 operating program sites and more than 100 co-located sites. LACDMH contracts with approximately 1,000 providers, including non-governmental agencies and individual practitioners, who provide a spectrum of mental health services to people of all ages to support hope, wellness, and recovery. LACDMH works with its stakeholders and community partners to provide clinically competent, culturally sensitive, and linguistically appropriate services in the least restrictive manner possible.

INSIGHT

THE
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lauren grimes

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

ENSURING RECOVERY ISN'T "ON OUR OWN"

Lauren Grimes is On Our Own of Maryland's transitional age youth outreach coordinator, where she works for peer support and youth-led systems change on county, State, and national levels. She aids organizations in incorporating the youth voice into their policy and operations and helps young adults create an equitable and reciprocal relationship with their service systems. She has organized and trained a small speakers' bureau of young adults in Maryland willing to speak about their lived experience so that others might draw strength and insight from their efforts.

Lauren has experience working with youth and adults involved in the behavioral health system, as well as youth in the foster care, child welfare, and juvenile justice systems. She has overcome numerous behavioral health challenges and has personal experience with the mental health system, from which she draws freely in her work in the peer world. She is a trained Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) facilitator, Anti-Stigma Project facilitator, and a Youth M.O.V.E. National consultant.

Lauren stands on committees including On Our Own of Maryland's Public Policy in Mental Health Committee and Anti-Stigma Project, the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health's Young Adult Council, the Maryland Mental Hygiene Administration's Maryland Peer Support Certification Workgroup, and several others as a young adult consumer advocate.



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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Project Return Peer Support Network
www.prpsn.org

Project Return Peer Support Network (PRPSN) is Los Angeles County's premier nonprofit organization run by and for people living with mental illness. As its core purpose, PRPSN demonstrates that self-help is a valuable part of the recovery process. PRPSN promotes wellness, personal growth, and self-determination for people who have experienced mental illness by providing social opportunities, education, community involvement, and peer-to-peer support to help individuals reach their personal goals.

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

American Psychiatric Nurses Association
www.apna.org

With more than 9,000 members, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) provides continuing nursing education; resources for established, emerging, and prospective psychiatric mental health (PMH) nurses; and a community of collaboration. APNA champions PMH nursing and advocates for mental health care through the development of key issue positions, dissemination of current knowledge and developments in PMH nursing, and collaboration with consumers to promote evidence-based advances in recovery-focused assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and evaluation of people with mental illness and substance use disorders.



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STRENGTH

"FIGHTING" FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Mia St. John is a fighter—of fellow boxers and of mental illness. In 1996 she was diagnosed with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Panic Disorder, and Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD). She was also suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. However, she managed to find and pursue her true passion and turned pro in boxing.

Today, she is 24 years sober, and speaks in schools and juvenile halls on the importance of education and overcoming hardship—sharing her personal experiences with mental illness, addiction, and poverty. She has fought all over the world, including Beijing, China, where she won the International Boxing Association Championship, and in 2008 became the World Boxing Council's (WBC) International Boxing Champion of the World at the age of 40.

That same year, she was awarded by the Governor of Zacatecas, Mexico (her mother's home country) an outstanding achievement award for her role in sports and humanitarianism. The WBC also presented her with the 2008 "WBC Goodwill Ambassador" Award.

Most recently, Mia joined with Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (California) and former Los Angeles Laker Metta World Peace for a mental health and suicide prevention training at Napolitano's district office in Santa Fe Springs. She continues to promote the Mental Health in Schools Act and works with her foundation, the Mia St. John Foundation: El Saber Es Poder/Knowledge Is Power.



mia st. john
CONSUMER/PEER LEADERSHIP AWARD



FILM

BEING FLYNN

FAMILY SUPPORT IN THE “NICK” OF TIME

Adapted from Nick Flynn’s memoir, *Another Bulls—t Night in Suck City*, the film *Being Flynn* centers on Nick Flynn (Paul Dano), a young writer seeking to define himself, as well as his father Jonathan (Robert De Niro), absent from his son’s life for 18 years. Jonathan abandoned his wife (Julianne Moore) and child, served time in prison for cashing forged checks, found a job as a cab driver, and lost it due to his accelerating drinking. Facing eviction from his apartment, Jonathan reaches out to his son. Then, as quickly as he had appeared, Jonathan leaves again. Nick takes a job at a homeless shelter, where he finds purpose in his own life and work, thanks to the help of Captain (Wes Studi) and Joy (Lili Taylor). When Jonathan arrives one night seeking a bed, Nick’s sense of self and compassion falter. To give the two of them a shot at a real future, Nick has to decide whom to seek redemption for first.

WRITERS: Nick Flynn, Paul Weitz

PRODUCERS: Dan Balgoyen, Caroline Baron, Michael Costigan, Nick Flynn, Kerry Kohansky, Meghan Lyvers, Andrew Miano, Jane Rosenthal, Paul Weitz



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors
www.nacbhdd.org

The National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD) is the only national voice for county and local government behavioral health and developmental disability authorities. Through education, policy analysis, and advocacy, NACBHDD fulfills its mission to assure that national policy and funding recognize and support county and other local government authorities that are responsible for the development and management of publicly funded systems of care for people affected by mental illness, addiction, and developmental disabilities.



COURAGE

TAKING EQUITY AND PARITY TO THE “HOUSE”

Representative Patrick Kennedy served 16 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is predominantly known as author and lead sponsor of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. This dramatic piece of legislation provides tens of millions of Americans who were previously denied care with access to mental health treatment.

Now, Rep. Kennedy is the co-founder of One Mind for Research, a newly formed national coalition seeking new treatments and cures for neurologic and psychiatric diseases of the brain afflicting one in every three Americans. One Mind for Research is dedicated to dramatic enhancements in funding and collaboration in research across all brain disorders in the next decade. This historic grassroots endeavor unites efforts of scientists, research universities, government agencies, and industry and advocacy organizations not only across the country, but throughout the world. Rep. Kennedy is bringing everyone together to design the first blueprint of basic neuroscience, to guide efforts in seeking cures for neurological disorders affecting Americans.

Rep. Kennedy is currently working on the inaugural Kennedy Forum on Community Mental Health (scheduled for October 23–24, 2013) which will serve as a vehicle to celebrate the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy’s signing of the Community Mental Health Act, the landmark bill that laid the foundation of contemporary mental health policy, and provide Rep. Kennedy with the platform to launch a bold, ongoing effort to advance the work President Kennedy began.

Rep. Kennedy has authored and co-sponsored dozens of bills to increase the understanding and treatment of neurological and psychiatric disorders, including the National Neurotechnology Initiative Act, the Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act, the COMBAT PTSD Act, and the Alzheimer’s Treatment and Caregiver Support Act.

Rep. Kennedy is a winner of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Distinguished Service Award, the Society for Neuroscience Public Service Award, the Peter C. Alderman Foundation Humanitarian Award, Centennial Award from the Clifford Beers Foundation, the Autism Society of America Congressional Leadership Award, the Depression and Bipolar Support Paul Wellstone Mental Health Award, and the Epilepsy Foundation Public Service Award. He is also founder of the Kennedy Forum, Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus and the 21st Century Healthcare Caucus, as well as co-founder of SAM-Smart Approaches to Marijuana.

THE HONORABLE
patrick j. kennedy

**FORMER U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, RHODE ISLAND;
CO-FOUNDER, ONE MIND FOR RESEARCH**



GIVING A **voice** TO RECOVERY: A Conversation With the Entertainment Industry

FACILITATOR | Roger Wolfson

Roger Wolfson is a TV writer, screenwriter, and consulting producer best known for his work on USA's "Fairly Legal," TNT's "Saving Grace" and "The Closer," and NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

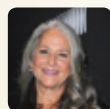


PANELIST | Stephen Chbosky

Stephen Chbosky is a novelist, screenwriter, and film director best known for writing the New York Times bestseller *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, as well as for screenwriting and directing the 2013 Voice Award-winning film version of the same book. His credits also include the film *Rent* and CBS' "Jericho."

PANELIST | Kristin Hahn

Kristin Hahn is a writer, producer, and director best known for her work on feature films *The Departed*, *The Switch*, *The Time Traveler's Wife*, and the documentary *Anthem*. She is an executive producer of Lifetime's 2013 Voice Award winner *Call Me Crazy: A Five Film*.



PANELIST | Marta Kauffman

Marta Kauffman is a writer and TV producer best known as the co-creator and executive producer of NBC's iconic sitcom "Friends." Her credits also include NBC's "Veronica's Closet" and "Joey," The WB's "Related," and HBO's "Dream On." She is an executive producer of Lifetime's 2013 Voice Award winner *Call Me Crazy: A Five Film*.

PANELIST | Keris Jän Myrick, Ph.D.c

Keris Myrick is the National President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Board of Directors, and President and CEO of Project Return Peer Support Network, one of Los Angeles' premier peer-run organizations providing services for people recovering from mental illness.



PANELIST | Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.

Marvin Southard is the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health—the largest public mental health system in the country. It serves more than 200,000 clients annually in one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the Nation, with a budget of over \$1 billion.

GIVING A **voice** TO consumers and peers



TELEVISION

A "CALL" TO ACTION FOR PEER SUPPORT

Through the five shorts named after each title character—Lucy (Brittany Snow), Eddie (Mitch Rouse), Allison (Sofia Vassilieva), Grace (Sarah Hyland), and Maggie (Jennifer Hudson)—powerful relationships built on hope and triumph raise a new understanding of what happens when a loved one struggles with mental illness.

"Lucy," directed by Bryce Dallas Howard, follows a law student with schizophrenia who begins her path to healing and a promising future.

"Eddie," directed by Bonnie Hunt, delves into the world of depression as seen through the eyes of a comedian's wife.

"Allison," directed by Sharon Maguire, weaves together comedy and family drama as a daughter returns home from inpatient treatment.

"Grace," directed by Laura Dern, explores bipolar disorder through the experience of a teenage daughter whose mother has the condition.

In "Maggie," directed by Ashley Judd, a female veteran returns home from war to her son and father, only to struggle with the onset of PTSD.

THE MOVIE EVENT

CALL ME CRAZY

A **FIVE** FILM

WRITERS: Stephen Godchaux, Howard J. Morris, Deirdre O'Connor, Jan Oxenberg, Erin Cressida Wilson

PRODUCERS: Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Chinoy, Jeff Freilich, Kristin Hahn, Marta Kauffman, Bernie Laramie, Jayme Lemons, Francesca Silvestri



National Council for Behavioral Health
www.thenationalcouncil.org

The National Council for Behavioral Health (National Council) is the unifying voice of America's community mental health and addictions treatment organizations and the pioneer of Mental Health First Aid in the U.S. Together with its 2,000 member organizations, it serves the Nation's most vulnerable citizens—the more than 8 million adults and children living with mental illnesses and addiction disorders. The National Council is committed to ensuring all Americans have access to comprehensive, high-quality care that affords every opportunity for recovery and full participation in community life.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY of
CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

California Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
www.calacap.org

The California Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (CAL-ACAP), a 501-C6 compliant organization, is the statewide umbrella organization that draws together the four regional branches of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry in California. Its purpose and mission is to represent the interests of the four regional organizations in California's legislative process, public policymaking, and clinical service administration as it finds them relevant to the mental health of California's children, adolescents, and families.

THE VOICE AWARDS

READY, "WILLING," AND ABLE TO OVERCOME TRAUMA

William Kellibrew, IV is a survivor and international motivational speaker focusing on trauma and recovery, trauma-informed care, sexual assault, children exposed to violence, and youth-related programming. He is a lead consultant with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors and a faculty member with SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-Informed Care.

At age 6, William was violently sexually assaulted by his neighbor. At age 10, he watched helplessly as his mother and 12-year-old brother were shot by his mother's estranged boyfriend. At age 13, William attempted suicide and was hospitalized more than nine times to grapple with his trauma and severe depression. He often turned to violence, drugs, alcohol, and unhealthy relationships to cope. He credits his grandmother and countless others for helping to save his life.

William's experiences and recovery have been featured on "Oprah" with Dr. William Cosby and Dr. Alvin Poussaint, as well as CNN, HLN's "In Session" and "Newsmakers," BBC Worldwide, and in print publications including Newsweek, The Washington Post, and countless news and media outlets throughout the world. In 2007, University of the District of Columbia professors Clarence Davis and Barbara Harvey founded The William Kellibrew Foundation to honor William's work on campus and in the community.

william kellibrew, IV
CONSUMER/PEER LEADERSHIP AWARD

A "UNITED" FRONT FOR PURPOSE AND COMMUNITY

Jennifer Constantine is the executive director of South Dakota United for Hope and Recovery, a statewide peer-run organization focused on mental health advocacy, education, and support that applies a lived experience and whole-health wellness-based perspective. She served as chair of the Governor's Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council in South Dakota, and on the Wellness, Cultural Competence, and Inclusion Subcommittee for SAMHSA's Wellness Initiative.

Jennifer made the difficult transition from being an isolated person struggling to cope with voices to becoming an outspoken mental health advocate, wife, and mother. Today, she speaks openly to the public about learning to integrate the experience of hearing voices and other extreme states into her life. She believes that the key to healthier and more inclusive communities is drawing on the wisdom that comes with lived experience of trauma and/or extreme distress through dialogue based on mutual respect.

Her passion lies in building a community where people who experience extreme or altered states can feel comfortable expressing these difficult experiences without fear of social rejection or reactionary consequences. This philosophy comes from her own journey to recovery through purpose and community, as well as seeing others in her community grow around her when given access to this type of support.

Jennifer grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota and lives in nearby Rapid City with her husband and their 7-year-old twins.

jennifer constantine
CONSUMER/PEER LEADERSHIP AWARD

THE VOICE AWARDS

MOTIVATION

BILL W.

A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE CO-FOUNDER OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A STORY OF PEER SUPPORT THAT FITS THE “BILL”

In 1999, Bill Wilson was named one of TIME magazine’s “100 Heroes and Icons of the 20th Century” for his role as co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). However, 65 years earlier, he was facing almost certain death from his uncontrollable drinking. At the time, the medical field viewed alcoholism as a symptom of deeper psychiatric issues, and alcoholics were treated with lobotomies, shock therapy, or imprisonment. Despite this, Bill found a way to sobriety and forged a path for countless others to follow. With Bill as its driving force, AA grew from a handful of men to a worldwide group of more than 2 million men and women. Bill’s leadership eventually made him an icon within AA—and therefore unable to be a member of the anonymous society he had created. Through interviews, re-creations, and rare archival material, *Bill W.* traces Bill’s life through his 17 years of devastating alcoholism, the crucial years of AA’s founding and growth, his battle with depression, his experimentation with LSD, and his struggle with celebrity status.



DOCUMENTARY

WRITERS: Dan Carracino; Patrick Gambuti, Jr.; Kevin Hanlon

PRODUCERS: Dan Carracino, Mike Fox, Kevin Hanlon, Dahlia Kozlowsky, Laura LaPerche, Christopher Loughran



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Producers Guild of America
www.producersguild.org

The Producers Guild of America (PGA) is the nonprofit trade group that represents, protects, and promotes the interests of all members of the producing team in film, television, and new media. The PGA has more than 5,000 members who work together to protect and improve their careers, the industry, and their community by providing employment and networking tools, facilitating members’ health benefits, encouraging enforcement of workplace labor laws, and promoting fair and impartial standards for the awarding of producing credits, as well as other education and advocacy efforts.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

SAG-AFTRA
www.sagaftra.org



SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) represents more than 165,000 actors, announcers, broadcasters, journalists, dancers, DJs, news writers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers, recording artists, singers, stunt performers, voiceover artists, and other media professionals. SAG-AFTRA members are the faces and voices that entertain and inform America and the world. With national offices in Los Angeles and New York, and local offices nationwide, SAG-AFTRA members work together to secure the strongest protections for media artists into the 21st century and beyond.



DOCUMENTARY



“MINDFUL” OF RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

Of Two Minds explores the extraordinary lives, struggles, and successes of three unique and compelling people living with bipolar disorder in America today. Through a combination of intimate reality and revealing interviews, the documentary reveals what it feels like to have bipolar disorder—from exquisite feelings of grandiosity and sensuality to the depths of despair and depression. A journey from the painful to the painfully funny, the film puts a human face on the illness, opening an engaging, harrowing, and perception-changing view on those all around us who live in the shadows of bipolar disorder—our sisters and brothers, parents and friends, and ourselves.

WRITER: Lisa Klein

PRODUCERS: Jane Bielke-Loll, Kristin Chambers, Lisa Klein, John Loll, Christine O’Malley



joseph rogers

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

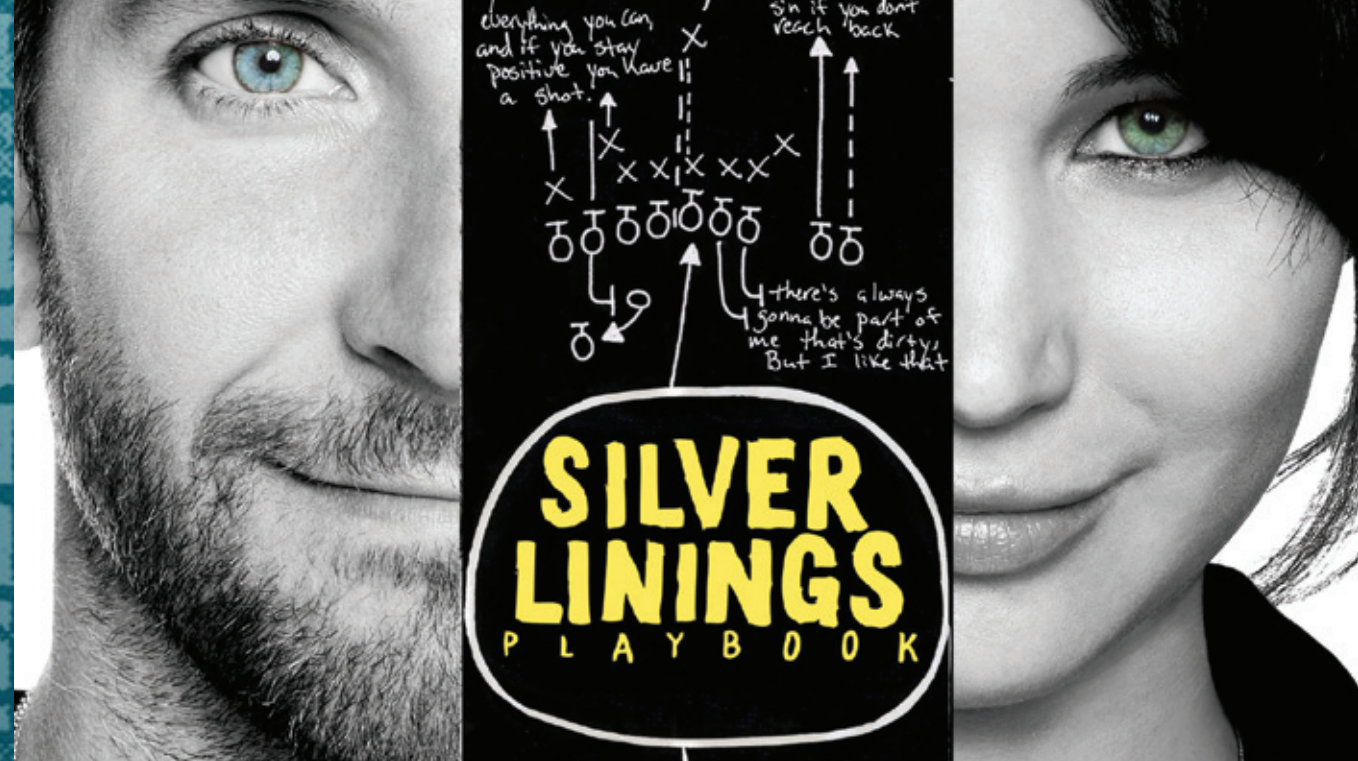
NO ORDINARY “JOE” IN THE PEER SUPPORT MOVEMENT

Joseph Rogers was diagnosed with serious mental illness at age 19, and told he would never hold a job. Today, he is Chief Advocacy Officer of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania (MHASP), and founder and executive director of the National Mental Health Consumers’ Self-Help Clearinghouse, which serves the consumer movement.

Joseph built MHASP from a small regional advocacy agency with fewer than a dozen staff into one of the largest mental health associations in the country, including an array of peer-to-peer programs serving local, statewide, and national constituencies. From 1997 to 2007, he was its president and CEO.

Joseph has testified before U.S. Senate committees and has consulted in more than 30 States. He has served on the Executive Committee of the President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and the congressionally appointed Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of People with Disabilities, which helped pass the Americans with Disabilities Act. He was a key player in the closing of Philadelphia State Hospital, which was an important step toward serving mentally ill people in the community, where—as neighbors, friends and family—they belong. As part of this effort, he also played a critical role in the successful struggle to get the dollars to follow the patients into the community, to establish what has become a model system of community-based services, including peer-to-peer services.

Joseph has received numerous honors for his leadership in the mental health community, including the prestigious Heinz Award for the Human Condition in 2005.



KEEPING “IN STEP” WITH RECOVERY

*I'm different,
you can see I'm
different*

In *Silver Linings Playbook*, a family drama, comedy, and love story based on the best-selling novel by Matthew Quick, Pat (Bradley Cooper) has lost his house, his job, and his wife. After spending 8 months in a State institution on a plea bargain, Pat finds himself living with his mother (Jacki Weaver) and father (Robert De Niro). He is determined to manage his bipolar disorder, rebuild his life, remain positive, and reunite with his wife (Brea Bee). When Pat meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), a mysterious girl dealing with problems of her own after the unexpected death of her husband, things get complicated. Tiffany offers to help Pat reconnect with his wife, but only if he'll do something very important for her in return. As their deal plays out, silver linings appear in both of their lives.



FILM

WRITERS: Matthew Quick, David O. Russell

PRODUCERS: Bruce Cohen, Bradley Cooper, Donna Gigliotti, Jonathan Gordon, Mark Kamane, Michelle Raimo Kouyate, George Parra, Michelle Raimo, Bob Weinstein, Harvey Weinstein, Renee Witt



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Writers Guild of America, West
www.wga.org



The Writers Guild of America, West is a labor union representing writers of motion pictures, television, radio, and Internet programming, including news and documentaries. Founded in 1933, the Guild negotiates and administers contracts that protect the creative and economic rights of its members. It is involved in a wide range of programs that advance the interests of writers and is active in public policy and legislative matters on the local, national, and international levels.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Directors Guild of America
www.dga.org



In the 77 years since its founding in 1936, the Directors Guild of America (DGA) has fought for the economic and creative rights of its members; protected their ability to financially benefit from the reuse of their work; founded strong pension and health plans; and established jurisdiction in new technologies and distribution platforms. Today, DGA represents 15,000 directors and members of the directorial team working in film, television, commercials, and new media.

THE
VOICE
AWARDS

LEADERSHIP

“DIRECTING” THE RECOVERY PLAYBOOK

David O. Russell is an Academy Award-nominated film director, screenwriter, and producer. In addition to *Flirting With Disaster* (1996), *Three Kings* (1999), and *I Heart Huckabees* (2004), Russell directed *The Fighter* (2010), a film that received seven Oscar nominations and features a character (Christian Bale) who struggles with serious substance abuse and addiction issues.

Russell's latest film, *Silver Linings Playbook*, earned eight Oscar nominations, including Best Director, as well as four Golden Globe nominations, including Best Screenplay. The film was informed by Russell's own son's experiences with bipolar disorder.

Discussing his son in a Forbes interview, Russell said, “It was very comforting to say to him, ‘I’m writing a movie that I think is about people like us and things we’ve been through.’ ... Instead of being in the shadows, he’d feel like it’s his story.”

In February 2013, Russell visited Congress to speak about reducing bias and discrimination and expanding access to services and treatment through the Excellence in Mental Health Act, a bill introduced in the wake of the Newtown, CT, shooting. On the same visit, Russell and Bradley Cooper met with Vice President Joe Biden to discuss mental health care in America.

Following the success of *Silver Linings Playbook*, Russell says he’s been surprised by how many people have approached him with their own stories of mental health challenges and recovery.

david o. russell
CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



nominees

CONSUMER/PEER LEADERSHIP NOMINEES MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

All of the consumer/peer leaders nominated this year have played an important role in educating others about the real experiences of people with mental and/or substance use disorders. Through their advocacy efforts and personal stories of recovery, these individuals are demonstrating that people with behavioral health problems can and do recover and lead meaningful lives in their communities. In doing so, they are reducing the discrimination and misperceptions associated with people with behavioral health problems. We would like to recognize the following outstanding nominees, who have agreed to be acknowledged in this program:

Yaffa Alter
Brian K. Anderson
Rebecca Atkins
Frank Barnard
Jeff Bell
Tim K. Boyd
Ronald Braunstein
Sean Campbell
Carmen W. Capozzi
Bob Carolla
Victoria Castorena
Carol Coussons de Reyes
Karen Curlis
David “Wolf” Diaz
Cynthia Dudley
Devin Fox
Rick Gilbert
Jessica Lynn Gimeno
David Granirer
Bruce Graunke
Jackie Sue Griffin
Emily Grossman

James Guffey
Bill Hanks
Stevie Hansen
Katherine F.H. Heart
Thomas Hicks
Dee Hill
Judi Tennant Hoefling
David Heath Holt
Hilary Koo
Michael Kuhl
Helga Luest
Alison Malmon
Mollie Marti
Jennifer Matesa
Yvette McShan
Nicola Merry
Kenny Mick
Regina Moffett
Shauna Moses
Keris Myrick
Sam Nagy

Edward Perhonitch
Jacquelyn Pettis
Kenny Pomerance
Stephen Puibello
Michelle Renee
Douglas Rudolph
Rita J. Sanders
Cheryl S. Sharp
Thomas Smith
Jennifer Storm
Ron Tannebaum
Alex Taylor
Howard Trachtman
Gary A. Tracy
Joanne Verbanic
Greg Williams
James Darrell Williams



honorable mentions

OUTSTANDING GROUP OF NOMINATED PRODUCTIONS MAKES FOR DIFFICULT SELECTIONS

More than 200 television, film, and documentary productions were nominated for a 2013 Voice Award. The following productions qualified as finalists and were evaluated during the second round of judging. We take this opportunity to recognize the writers and producers of these must-see productions that have been acknowledged tonight with an Honorable Mention.



FILM



- *Flight*
- *Smashed*



DOCUMENTARY



- *A Sister's Call*
- *Heart and Soul*
- *Inocente*
- *Mind Zone*
- *Shine*
- *The Invisible War*
- *What Happened to You?*



TELEVISION



- *"Army Wives"*
Domestic Maneuvers | Season 6, Episode 22
- *"Girls"*
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Storyline | Season 2
- *"Grey's Anatomy"*
Remember the Time | Season 9, Episode 2
- *"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"*
Dreams Deferred | Season 14, Episode 9
- *"Nurse Jackie"*
Substance Use Disorder Storyline | Season 4
- *"Parenthood"*
Asperger's Syndrome Storyline | Season 4



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Creative Coalition
www.thecreativecoalition.org



The Creative Coalition (TCC) is the premier nonprofit, nonpartisan, social and political advocacy organization of the entertainment industry. Founded in 1989 by prominent figures in the creative community, TCC is dedicated to educating, mobilizing, and activating its members on issues of public importance, specifically in the areas of First Amendment rights, arts advocacy, public education, and anti-bullying. In 2012, TCC launched the Arts Corps, a volunteer brigade of high-profile artists and entertainment industry leaders who advocate for arts in education on the State and local levels.

The National Association of
Social Workers, NASW Foundation,
& SocialWorkersSpeak.org

Congratulate the 2013 Voice Award Recipients

Join us at **SocialWorkersSpeak.org**,
the website that gets social workers talking about
and influencing how they and their issues are
portrayed in movies, on television and in the news.

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Social Workers Give "The Fosters" a B Grade

6/03/13 • ABC Family drama premieres tonight at 9
p.m. Eastern/8 p.m. Central

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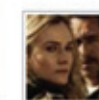
Hollywood Connections



FX mum about true nature of
mysterious social worker on "The
Bridge"
Thomas M. Wright portrays social worker
Steven Linder in crime drama



Want to see more of Bill the social
worker on "The Fosters"? Contact
ABC Family
Actor Geoffrey Rivas urges social
workers to advocate for the TV role



TV to Watch: *The Bridge*
Program features "mysterious" social
worker



Winnie Mandela Biopic to Premiere
in U.S. on Sept. 6
Mandela was a hospital social worker

Research Round Up



Congratulations to all nominees and winners.

Progress is a beautiful thing.

As the world's largest association representing professional counselors in various practice settings, the American Counseling Association stands ready to serve more than 53,000 members with the resources they need to make a difference. From webinars, publications, and journals to Conference education sessions and legislative action alerts, ACA is where counseling professionals turn for powerful, credible content and support.



**Congratulations to the
Winners!**



**Thank you for your
outstanding example of
courage and hope.**

NASMHPD

The National Association of State Mental Health
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ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY panel of judges

HOLLYWOOD GETS LEADING ROLE IN AWARDS JUDGING PROCESS

The Voice Awards offer a special “thank you” to this year’s entertainment industry panel of judges. These individuals gave their time and expertise to the judging process, and their participation represents a strong industry commitment to educate audiences about the real experiences of people with behavioral health problems and the journey of recovery.

Neal Baer, M.D., Television writer and executive producer • **Byron Balasco**, Television writer and executive producer • **Andy Comeau**, Actor • **Linda Dano**, Actress • **Mike Farrell**, Actor and film producer • **Gary Foster**, Television and film executive producer • **Linda Gase**, Television writer and co-executive producer • **Nancy Goodman**, Vice President of Program Standards and Compliance, NBC • **Andrew Gottlieb**, Television executive producer and writer • **Jason Gray-Stanford**, Actor • **Joseph Greco**, Film writer, producer, and director • **Jonathan Green**, Television writer and co-executive producer • **Kenny Johnson**, Actor and film co-producer • **Dan Levine**, Television writer and executive producer • **Todd Lieberman**, Studio executive, film and television executive producer • **Bob Lowry**, Television writer and executive producer • **Rebecca McGill**, Director of Dramatic Programming, NBC • **Gabe Miller**, Television writer and co-executive producer • **Jonathan Mussman**, Vice President of Programming, MTV • **Joe Pichirallo**, Film executive producer, studio executive, and chair of NYU’s Film and Television Program • **Teresa Quevedo**, News anchor • **Joe Sachs**, Television writer and executive producer • **David Shore**, Television writer and executive producer • **Leslie Urdang**, Film producer • **Ned Vizzini**, Author and television and film writer • **Sonay Washington**, Television story editor and writer • **Roger Wolfson**, Television writer, story editor, and consulting producer • **Randall Zisk**, Television executive producer and director



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Caucus for Producers, Writers & Directors
www.caucus.org



The Caucus for Producers, Writers & Directors (The Caucus) is the television industry’s only coalition of the creative talents that bear primary responsibility for the origination of television programs. Founded in 1974, The Caucus protects and actively promotes the artistic, intellectual, and economic rights of producers, writers, and directors and provides a forum for the best and brightest creative talent in Hollywood to network together as the “creative conscience” of the television industry. The Caucus also supports new producers, writers, and directors through The Caucus Foundation Student Grants.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 VOICE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY panel of judges

JUDGES DRIVING FORCE BEHIND AWARDS PROCESS

The unheralded stars of tonight's program are the 2013 Voice Awards judges. We greatly appreciate all of their contributions and hope you will join us in showing gratitude for their participation and support.

Consumer/Peer Leadership Awards Judging

Consumer/peer leaders in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders, behavioral health advocates, representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and communication professionals reviewed approximately 135 consumer/peer leader nominations. Their feedback helped identify those individuals whose personal stories of recovery and advocacy efforts have made a real difference and best demonstrate that people with behavioral health problems recover and lead meaningful lives in their communities.

Entertainment Awards Judging

This year's entertainment industry panel of judges (see page 31), consumer/peer leaders in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders, behavioral health advocates, representatives from HHS, and other Voice Awards program partners worked collectively to review more than 200 film and television productions that were nominated this year. Their participation is essential in helping us recognize the entertainment industry's efforts and progress in changing how film and television viewers see and therefore accept people with behavioral health problems.

Henry Acosta, Acosta Consulting LLC • **Laurie Alexander, Alexander Behavioral Healthcare Consulting** • Marvin Alexander, Youth M.O.V.E. National • **Stanice Anderson, God's Eternal Mercy Rehabilitation Center** • Marian Bacon, Memphis Center for Independent Living • **Sophie Bethune, American Psychological Association** • Gayle Bluebird, Delaware Psychiatric Center/Mental Health Association • **Magdalena Y. Caballero-Phillips, The Hope Concept Wellness Center** • Denise Camp, On Our Own of Maryland, Inc. • **Bob Carolla, National Alliance on Mental Illness** • Tim Cheney, Chooper's Guide • **Rebecca Cohen, Wisconsin Department of Health Services** • Karen Curlis, Ohio Center for Advocacy, Training and Support, Inc. • **Mark Davis, Pink and Blues Philadelphia** • Elizabeth Edgar, National Alliance on Mental Illness • **Frederick Frese, Northeast Ohio Medical University** • Larry Fricks, Appalachian Consulting Group • **Sandy Fried, National Council for Behavioral Health** • Lauren Grimes, On Our Own of Maryland, Inc. • **Athena Haddon, Spectrum Health Systems—Everyday Miracles Peer Recovery Center** • Lloyd J. Hale, II, South Carolina Share • **Katherine Heart, Heart Resources, LLC** • Bryce Hewlett, Delaware Consumer Recovery Coalition • **Kevin Hines, Global speaker, author, advocate** • Brittany Holt, Youth M.O.V.E. National • **Clarence Jordan, ValueOptions Behavioral Health Services** • Ann Kirkwood, Idaho State University and Saint Alphonsus Health System • **Donovan Kuehn, NAADAC—The Association for Addiction Professionals** • Carmen Lee, Stamp Out Stigma • **Craig Love, Westat** • Keris Jän Myrick, Project Return Peer Support Network • **Lisa Deffenbaugh Nguyen, American Psychiatric Nurses Association** • Tim O'Leary, Massachusetts Association for Mental Health • **Kamilah Omari, National Association of Social Workers** • Janet Paleo, Prosumers International • **Rebecca Palpant, The Carter Center Mental Health Program** • America Paredes, Mental Health America • **Carla Rabinowitz, Community Access & NYAPRS' NYC Mental Health Film Festival** • Gayathri Ramprasad, ASHA International • **Tina Rezvani, The Carter Center Mental Health Program** • Jeffrey Ryan, The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida • **Lisa Smusz, Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services** • Eduardo Vega, Mental Health Association of San Francisco • **Muffy Walker, International Bipolar Foundation** • Sharon Wise, The House of Sharon



The National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors is proud to be a partner in the 2013 Voice Awards.

Congratulations to the 2013 Voice Award Winners!

NACBHDD is the only voice for county and local behavioral health and developmental disability authorities represented in the Nation's Capital!

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Congratulates

2013 Voice Awards Honorees

We applaud your efforts to end discrimination against people with mental illness.



The National Council for Behavioral Health (National Council) is the unifying voice of America's community mental health and addictions treatment organizations. Together with our 2,000 member organizations, we serve our nation's most vulnerable citizens — more than eight million adults and children living with mental illnesses and addiction disorders. We are committed to ensuring all Americans have access to comprehensive, high-quality care that affords every opportunity for recovery and full participation in community life. The National Council pioneered Mental Health First Aid in the U.S. and has trained more than 100,000 individuals to connect youth and adults in need to mental health and addictions care in their communities.

www.TheNationalCouncil.org

SAG-AFTRA congratulates the winners of the 2013 Voice Awards.

We are proud to be a program partner of the U.S. Department
of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse
and Mental Health Services Administration.

SAG-AFTRA
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Writers Guild of America, West congratulates the winners of the 2013 Voice Awards

The Guild salutes the TV and film writers and all winners
who have helped give a dignified voice
to those who face behavioral health issues.

The WGAW is proud to be a program partner
of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

WGAW **WRITERS
GUILD OF
AMERICA, WEST**



GET INVOLVED IN THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON MENTAL HEALTH

On January 16, 2013, President Barack Obama directed Secretary Kathleen Sebelius of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Secretary Arne Duncan of the U.S. Department of Education to launch a national conversation on mental health to reduce the shame and secrecy associated with mental illness, encourage people to seek help if they are dealing with mental health problems, and encourage individuals whose friends or family want to connect them to help.

Through a combination of geographic-specific facilitated conversations, interest-specific awareness discussions, and resources available online and through social media, the National Dialogue is gaining a nationwide reach. Specifically, the National Dialogue on Mental Health, which MentalHealth.gov is a part of, is taking place through the following three components:

1. **Community conversations.** Several geographically and demographically diverse cities are hosting structured conversations facilitated by deliberative democracy groups that will result in community-specific action plans. Other communities may choose to use the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health to help host their own conversations.
2. **Public/private partnership commitments.** Outside groups, such as national associations of schools, colleges, and universities; faith-based groups; medical providers; and others are being asked to incorporate some form of a mental health awareness discussion into their upcoming activities. This form of conversation will reach communities that aren't limited to geographic designations, but are made up of like-minded citizens (e.g., teachers, churchgoers, etc.) across the country.
3. **Social and online media.** HHS launched MentalHealth.gov as an online resource for people looking for information about signs of mental health problems, how individuals can seek help, and how communities can host conversations on mental health. The Web site includes videos of people sharing their stories and their journeys of recovery.

Learn more at: <http://creatingcommunitysolutions.org/>.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

National Association of Broadcasters
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The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is the voice for the Nation's radio and television broadcasters. As the premier trade association for broadcasters, NAB advances the interests of its members in Federal government, industry, and public affairs; improves the quality and profitability of broadcasting; encourages content and technology innovation; and spotlights the important and unique ways stations serve their communities. NAB delivers value to its members through advocacy, education, and innovation.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Carter Center Mental Health Program
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Under the leadership of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, the Carter Center Mental Health Program works to promote awareness about mental health issues, inform public policy, achieve equity for mental health care comparable to other health care, and reduce stigma and discrimination against those with mental illnesses. The program is known for acting as an honest broker between stakeholders, policymakers, and consumers of mental health services to support reform and improvement in the field.

Check out MentalHealth.gov

Launched in support of the National Dialogue on Mental Health, MentalHealth.gov is a new Web site that offers:

- Information on signs of mental health problems;
- Resources for individuals seeking help;
- Personal stories of mental health experiences; and
- Tools to enable communities across the country to host local conversations on mental health.

The Web site's tagline, "Let's Talk About It," underscores the main theme of the overall effort: encouraging people to communicate openly about mental health to help themselves and others.

Fortunately, everyone can contribute to the effort by participating in local events or taking part via social media by:

- Posting about mental health and sharing personal experiences by using the hashtag #MentalHealthMatters on Twitter;
- Following @MentalHealthGov on Twitter; and
- Liking the MentalHealth.gov page on Facebook.

Learn more at: www.mentalhealth.gov.

The Directors Guild of America congratulates the winners of the 2013 Voice Awards



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For your determination and strength
in raising awareness & understanding of mental health &
substance disorders

RECOVERY IS REAL



IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY.

It's okay to talk about mental health.

[Say something. Add your voice.]

OK2TALK-ORG

A mental health awareness campaign of the National Association of Broadcasters.

LEARN ABOUT SAMHSA'S EIGHT STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in collaboration with other Federal agencies, States, tribes, local organizations, and individuals—including consumers, peers and the recovery community, has demonstrated again and again in research and practice that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover from mental and substance use disorders. Behavioral health is an essential part of health service systems and community-wide strategies that work to improve health status and lower costs for families, businesses, and governments. Through continued improvement in the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, SAMHSA—with its partners—can advance and protect the Nation's health. In order to achieve this goal, SAMHSA has identified eight strategic initiatives to focus the Agency's work on improving lives and capitalizing on emerging opportunities. These initiatives address how SAMHSA is maximizing its resources in an environment that promises improvements in the Nation's behavioral health care system over the next few years as a result of a variety of forces—most notably, the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. The Eight Strategic Initiatives are described below.

1) PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL ILLNESS

Creating communities where individuals, families, schools, faith-based organizations, and workplaces take action to promote emotional health and reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance abuse including tobacco, and suicide. This initiative will include a focus on the Nation's high-risk youth, youth in Tribal communities, and military families.

2) TRAUMA AND JUSTICE

Reducing the pervasive, harmful, and costly health impact of violence and trauma by integrating trauma-informed approaches throughout health, behavioral health, and related systems and addressing the behavioral health needs of people involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

3) MILITARY FAMILIES

Supporting America's service men and women—active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and veteran alike—together with their families and communities by leading efforts to ensure that needed behavioral health services are accessible and that outcomes are positive.

4) RECOVERY SUPPORT

Partnering with people in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders to guide the behavioral health system and promote individual-, program-, and system-level approaches that foster health and resilience; increase permanent housing, employment, education, and other necessary supports; and reduce barriers to social inclusion.

5) HEALTH REFORM

Increasing access to appropriate high-quality prevention, treatment, and recovery services; reducing disparities that currently exist between the availability of services for mental and substance use disorders compared with the availability of services for other medical conditions; and supporting integrated, coordinated care, especially for people with behavioral health and other co-occurring health conditions such as HIV/AIDS.

6) HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

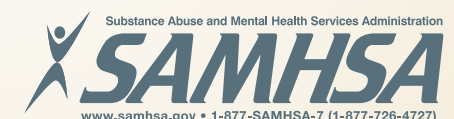
Ensuring that the behavioral health system, including States, community providers, and peer and prevention specialists, fully participates with the general health care delivery system in the adoption of Health Information Technology (HIT) and interoperable Electronic Health Records (EHR).

7) DATA, OUTCOMES, AND QUALITY

Realizing an integrated data strategy and a national framework for quality improvement in behavioral health care that will inform policy, measure program impact, and lead to improved quality of services and outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

8) PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

Increasing the understanding of mental and substance use disorders to achieve the full potential of prevention, help people recognize mental and substance use disorders and seek assistance with the same urgency as any other health condition, and make recovery the expectation.





PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

National Alliance on Mental Illness
www.nami.org



NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports, and research, and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all of those in need.

National
Recovery Month

Prevention Works • Treatment is Effective • People Recover

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) is a national observance that educates Americans on the fact that treatment and services for mental and substance use disorders can enable people with these conditions to live a healthy and rewarding life. The observance's main focus is to laud the gains made by those in recovery from these conditions, just as we would those who are managing other health conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.

Recovery Month, now in its 24th year, highlights individuals who have reclaimed their lives and are living happy and healthy lives in long-term recovery, and also honors the prevention, treatment, and recovery service providers who make recovery possible. Recovery Month promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible, and also encourages citizens to take action to help expand and improve the availability of effective prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those in need.

Occurring each September, thousands of prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and services around the country celebrate their successes and share them with their neighbors, friends, and colleagues in an effort to educate the public about recovery, how it works, for whom, and why. There are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery. These successes often go unnoticed by the broader population; Recovery Month is a vehicle to highlight and celebrate these accomplishments.

The 2013 Recovery Month observance emphasizes the many ways that people can prevent behavioral health issues, seek treatment, and sustain recovery as part of a commitment to living a mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy life.

Learn more at www.recoverymonth.gov.

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Mental Health America is proud to be a partner of the 2013 Voice Awards and congratulates this year's winners for their efforts to stimulate conversations about and promote understanding of mental health and substance use conditions.

Mental Health America, the leading advocacy organization addressing the full spectrum of mental and substance use conditions and their effects nationwide, works to inform, advocate and enable access to quality behavioral health services for all Americans. With over a century of experience, MHA has an established record of effective national and grassroots actions that promote mental health, and address mental and substance use issues with compassionate and concrete solutions. MHA's actions inform, support and enable mental wellness, and emphasize recovery from mental illness. Our 240 affiliates in 41 states represent a potent voice for healthy communities throughout the nation.

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media professionals who
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respectful, and accurate
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Cal-ACAP gives a voice to child and
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Join the thousands of individuals and organizations
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quality of life for people with mental and/or
substance use disorders and people in recovery.

WE ENVISION ...

A future in which people with mental and/or
substance use disorders pursue optimal health,
happiness, recovery, and a full and satisfying life in
the community via access to a range of effective
services, supports, and resources.

WE PLEDGE ...

To promote wellness for people with mental and/
or substance use disorders by taking action to
improve quality of life and reduce early mortality.



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Incorporate the Eight Dimensions of Wellness

Wellness means overall well-being. It incorporates the emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual aspects of a person's life. Each aspect of wellness can affect the overall quality of life, so it is important to consider all aspects of health. This is especially important for people with mental and/or substance use disorders because wellness directly relates to the quality and longevity of life.

1. **Emotional**—Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships.
2. **Environmental**—Good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well-being.
3. **Financial**—Satisfaction with current and future financial situations.
4. **Intellectual**—Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills.
5. **Occupational**—Personal satisfaction and enrichment from one's work.
6. **Physical**—Recognizing the need for physical activity, healthy foods, and sleep.
7. **Social**—Developing a sense of connection, belonging, and a well-developed support system.
8. **Spiritual**—Expanding our sense of purpose and meaning in life.




PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

NAADAC – The Association for Addiction Professionals
www.naadac.org



NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, represents the professional interests of more than 75,000 addiction counselors, educators, and other addiction-focused health care professionals in the United States, Canada, and abroad. NAADAC's members specialize in addiction prevention, treatment, recovery support, and education. An important part of the health care continuum, NAADAC members and its 44 State affiliates work to create healthier individuals, families, and communities through prevention, intervention, quality treatment, and recovery support.

**MENTAL HEALTH
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We salute all the winners for expanding our understanding of behavioral health.

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The Voice Awards and SAMHSA Offer Their Appreciation To:

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CONGRATULATES ALL OF TONIGHT'S AWARD WINNERS.

From the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services, a special congratulations and heartfelt thanks go to the Young Adult Leadership Award winner, Lauren Grimes, for her exceptional efforts to promote peer support and ensure that youth have a strong and equal voice in the systems that serve them.

Visit the ADS Center

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Resource Center to Promote Acceptance, Dignity, and Social Inclusion Associated with Mental Health (ADS Center) enhances acceptance and social inclusion by ensuring that people with mental and/or substance use disorders and those who have experienced trauma can live full, productive lives within their communities. The ADS Center is an online resource that provides information and assistance to develop successful efforts to counteract prejudice and discrimination and promote social inclusion.

Learn more at www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Mental Health Media Partnership
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Working with the entertainment industry to promote accuracy and understanding of mental health issues, the Mental Health Media Partnership (MHMP) has partnered with several entertainment organizations and film companies to co-host special screenings and panel discussions of mental health-related productions. MHMP also consults on mental health storylines/issues for screenwriters, television programs, and film productions.



WHO WE ARE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the Nation. Congress established SAMHSA in 1992 to make mental and substance use disorder information, services, and research more accessible.

Prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for behavioral health are important parts of the health service systems for the community. These services work to improve our health and minimize costs to individuals, families, businesses, and governments. However, people suffering from substance use disorders, mental disorders, or both, are often excluded from the current health care system and instead have to rely on public safety net programs because of their conditions. Last year alone, approximately 20 million people in need of substance abuse treatment did not receive it. Further, an estimated 10.6 million people reported an unmet need for mental health care. The gap in services to this population jeopardizes the health and wellness of people and also causes a ripple effect in costs to American communities.

VISION

SAMHSA provides leadership and devotes its resources—including programs, policies, information and data, and contracts and grants—to help the United States act on the knowledge that:

- Behavioral health is essential for overall well-being;
- Prevention works;
- Treatment is effective; and
- People recover from mental and substance use disorders.

MISSION

It is SAMHSA's mission to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.



THE
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CONGRATULATIONS

THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

TAKES ITS HAT OFF TO TONIGHT'S AWARD WINNERS!

Your efforts and leadership make a significant difference in the lives of others by helping educate the public about the real experiences of people with mental and/or substance use disorders. Through your stories and advocacy efforts, you demonstrate that people can and do recover from these conditions and lead full and meaningful lives in their communities.


Special thanks also go to those who support and give a voice to people with behavioral health problems by educating others about behavioral health and motivating them to create change in their communities.

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Connect with SAMHSA online and join the behavioral health conversation.


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The American Psychiatric Foundation is pleased and honored to be a sponsor of the 2013 Voice Awards.

The American Psychiatric Foundation (APF), a subsidiary of the American Psychiatric Association, works hard to achieve its mission every day. Through its public education programs, research, and training initiatives, APF is creating a mentally healthy nation to achieve a future vision in which mental health is understood.

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The American Psychological Association, in Washington, D.C., is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. APA's membership includes more than 134,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students. Through its divisions in 54 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 state, territorial and Canadian provincial associations, APA works to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives.



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SAMHSA is a public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Agency is responsible for improving the accountability, capacity, and effectiveness of the Nation's substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment, and mental health service delivery systems.