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The Wrong Tools for the Job? No Easy Fixes in Report on Mental Health Treatment

Portland Mercury, April 07, 2011

Denis C. Theriault

EYEBROWS WERE RAISED across political and social-services circles last week, when a City Club of Portland committee released the results of a year-long examination into how Multnomah County treats its mentally ill patients.

[Read more here.](#)

City Club report says county's 'fractured' mental health system needs help

From the Portland Tribune, March 31, 2011

The committee's report details a fractured health care delivery system saddled by poor communication between agencies and jurisdictions, opaque accounting practices which make it impossible for outsiders to determine if public money is well spent, and contracts paid by the county to mental health providers which identify goals of treatment but not the means to measure whether treatment is actually meeting those goals.

[Read more here.](#)

Ten years later, what has the death of Jose Meija Poot meant for Portland?

By Martin Gonzalez and Dan Handelman,
April 1, 2011, posted on mentalhealthportland.org

April 1, 2011 marks 10 years to the day since day laborer Jose Santos Victor Mejia Poot was shot and killed by Portland Police Officers responding to a 9-1-1 call inside a mental hospital. Such an anniversary seems a good time to examine where we were as a City then and what has changed.

[Read more here.](#)

Book Sparks Mental Health Movement

A group of psychiatrists and mental health experts kicked off a national effort in Portland last month to improve the use of mental health drugs

David Rosenfeld, The Lund Report, March 15, 2011

[Read more here.](#)

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www.mentalhealthportland.org

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Prescription drug turn-in day to dispose of unwanted medication set for 3 Portland locations

The Oregonian By Melissa Navas, April 05, 2011

Prescription drug turn-in sites will be available at three Portland locations April 30 to coincide with a nationwide collection campaign.

Read more here.

Oregon State Hospital tries to reunite families with cremated remains of past patients, but errors on list may make it difficult

Michelle Cole, The Oregonian, April 01, 2011

SALEM -- The intent was to reunite families with the remains of their relatives, patients who died and were cremated at the Oregon State Hospital decades ago. But the list of names compiled by the state is so riddled with errors that it may be impossible for relatives to make a match.

Read more here.

Multnomah County: Response to committee report from City Club of Portland

Released via email to County staff persons on March 31, 2011

We appreciate the City Club committee's attempt at analyzing the mental health care system, despite some inaccuracies in the report, and we welcome any opportunity to look at how we can improve things.

Read more here.

You say you want a revolution in the county's mental health care system?

By The Oregonian Editorial Board, April 02, 2011

If nine well-informed citizens devote more than a year's study to your mental health care system, and effectively conclude that it's a black box, surrounded by razor wire -- mystifyingly impenetrable both in terms of what you spend and what you accomplish -- well, you've got a problem.

Read more here.

Oregon State Hospital: Budget and opponents throw up obstacles

From the Eugene Register Guard, March 20, 2011
By Saul Hubbard

Plans to build a long-promised state psychiatric hospital in Junction City are facing more opposition than ever in the Legislature.

“....the governor has proposed shifting \$50 million of those construction costs to the 2013-15 biennium, the legislative fiscal office says. That translates into a construction delay.”

[Read more here.](#)

Portland Police Trying New Methods Of Dealing With The Mentally Ill

From OPB.org, April 4, 2011

Over the last year, the Portland Police Bureau has been conducting an experiment.

Usually, two police officers ride in a police car. But in central precinct, one of those cars has one cop and one mental health clinician.

They are supposed to get to know the mentally ill individuals who generate the most calls downtown. They then point those individuals in the direction of health services, housing and food. And they'll be better able to defuse problems if somebody has a mental health crisis.

[Read more here.](#)

Panel proposes overhaul to Ore. health care system

KATU.com, Mar 25, 2011

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A panel of health experts is recommending an overhaul of the Oregon Health Plan aimed at rewarding doctors for keeping patients healthy and out of the hospital.

[Read more here.](#)

Rethinking Psychiatry Two-Day Symposium

Friday, May 13, 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Creating a New Paradigm of Mental Health Care:
What Needs to be Done? and Why?

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Building Strong Communities: New Tools for
Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Health

The First Unitarian Church of Portland
1011 SW 12th

Friday evening will feature Robert Whitaker, author of Anatomy of an Epidemic, facilitating a conversation with the audience and a panel of mental health providers and peers on the current national movement to move our mental health care to a more holistic, effective and humane system.

Saturday will be a day sharing the wealth of resources and knowledge that support mental, emotional and spiritual health of all members of our communities. You will be invited to take part in and present workshops, presentations and conversations highlighting the array of ideas, actions and activities that are helping create the new paradigm of mental health care for all.

Organized by Rethinking Psychiatry. For information contact: Marcia Meyers 503-665-3967

From patients to prisoners, reform efforts raise questions as large as the changes they propose

The Lund Report, Rebecca Robinson, Apr. 14, 2011

Many of Oregon's county human services and mental health providers are struggling with the cognitive dissonance of Kitzhaber's triple aim, as well as envisioning just how they will provide even the bare minimum of services to their neediest and highest-risk populations.

[Read more here.](#)

Oregon Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers

Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers are advocates who visit the residents of long-term care facilities, identifying complaints and concerns. They investigate these complaints and work with the staff of the facilities to resolve problems, advocating from the resident's point of view.

Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers set their own schedule, attend monthly support group meetings, and volunteer about five hours a week.

Training for this volunteer job consists of five classroom sessions and one facility visit. The next trainings in the Portland area are in May, August and November.

Before attending training, volunteers complete an application, interview and pass a background check. To apply, call 1-800-522-2602 or email LTCO.volunteer@state.or.us

Go to <http://www.oregon.gov/LTCO/> to learn more.

Building a bigger tent with Nick Fish

Streetroots, By Israel Bayer, Staff Writer
streetroots.wordpress.com March 31, 2011

Earlier this month, Street Roots joined Portland Housing Commissioner Nick Fish on a two-day trip with city and county representatives, the Portland Business Alliance, the Enterprise Foundation and non-profit leaders to look at resource development and best practices for housing and homeless services in Seattle.

[Read more here.](#)

DHS mental health system website revised April 11th

See the newly revised DHS overview of the public mental health system including it's history.

[Go to the website here.](#)

NorthStar News

Call for artists

Are you an artist, or do you know a peer who is an artist? There are opportunities to show original art at NorthStar.

Our plan in the near future is to have a group show when we have enough contributing artists. Also, aspiring artists may have opportunities to participate in special workshops to do art together at NorthStar. We will try to keep you updated in the Events section of The Compass if we plan to schedule creative classes.

For more information, please contact Jason Ingram at: creativealaskan@yahoo.com.

Subscribe to The Compass newsletter or see it online

The Compass is NorthStar's newsletter. Keep up with what's going on at NorthStar by subscribing. Call 971-544-7485 or email info@northstarportland.org. Or see it online at www.northstarportland.org. Just click on Programs and Activities on top of the website.

Career Mapping Workshops

Career Mapping Workshops are a fun and interactive opportunity for members to explore their natural gifts and career interests. This workshop will help lay a strong foundation for determining the next steps for pursuing employment and training goals. Call 971-544-7485 or email info@northstarportland.org to become a member and attend the workshops. There's a good article on the workshops in the May/June Compass newsletter.

NAMI Multnomah NorthStar positions open

NAMI Multnomah is hiring a Job Developer and Generalist Staff for NorthStar. NorthStar is a clubhouse to be modeled on the standards set by the International Center for Clubhouse Design (ICCD).

Go to www.nami.org/multnomah and click NorthStar for job descriptions and for instructions to apply for these positions.

For more information about NAMI Multnomah's NorthStar, email nami.multnomah@gmail.com.

Join us at NorthStar

What is NorthStar?

A place to go. A place to return to.
A place to find meaningful relationships.
A place to find fulfilling work.

NorthStar is a mental health recovery program for adults living in the Portland metro area who have a mental illness. NorthStar provides a safe and welcoming environment where members can participate in a peer-supported community, promoting independence, confidence, wellbeing, and recovery.

The NorthStar community provides acceptance and encouragement for individual goals and achievements while supporting members in employment, education, reaching-out, skill-building, social activities, and recreation.

Now in the foundational stage as a program of NAMI Multnomah, NorthStar will ultimately seek certification through the International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD). For more information about the ICCD Clubhouse model go to www.iccd.org. The Clubhouse model has been very successful with helping people with mental illness to stay out of hospitals while achieving social, financial, educational and vocational goals.

An ICCD Clubhouse is fully run by members with the assistance of a few paid staff personnel. Because members operate NorthStar, they share ownership and responsibility for it's success.

The ICCD model offers members a "work ordered day.." Members and staff meet together, decide objectives and assign tasks for the day. Staff and members work together as equals in decision making and daily operations. The skills, ideas and abilities of each member are recognized and encouraged. Members also organize and lead classes and activities. NorthStar has opportunities for members to contribute in several units: Clerical/Outreach, Health and Wellness, and Creative Design.

Contact us for more information!

522 N.E. 52nd Ave., Portland, OR, (971)544-7485

Northstarportland.org

info@northstarportland.org

OREGON CONSUMER SURVIVOR COALITION (OCSC)

OCSC unites mental health consumers and psychiatric survivor organizations state-wide throughout Oregon! OCSC wants to include you!

OCSC Mission Statement

To establish a statewide network of people who identify as having a psychiatric diagnosis, and/or who feel labeled by one; to share ideas; provide mutual support; work toward common goals; strengthen peer-run organizations; and advocate for positive change in the mental health system.

We support inclusion and ask you to speak up - tell us what you want to CHANGE ABOUT OREGON'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM! Tell us who you are (or not). What works for you? What doesn't? What is your vision and your story. How do you think OCSC can be a force with the Oregon state legislature?

Get Free E-mail News Updates about OCSC:

<http://www.intenex.net/lists/listinfo/ocsc-news>

Visit Our OCSC Blog:

<http://ocscblog.wordpress.com/>

OCSC has a public free e-mail **DISCUSSION** list to talk with others about OCSC:

<http://www.intenex.net/lists/listinfo/ocsc-talk>

Contact info: Address: OCSC P.O. BOX 11284 Eugene, OR 97440

Email contact: oregon.united@gmail.com (Ask about becoming a group sponsor!)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR \$1 OR MORE - PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN

Comcast settles Oregon late fee class-action suit for \$23 million

Comcast Corp. subscribers who paid a late fee between July 15, 2003 and November 22, 2010 are entitled to \$16 each time Comcast assessed its \$6 fee.

Claimants can obtain forms to apply for their settlement at oregonlatefeesettlement.com. Notices about the settlement will appear in subscribers' monthly bills, but former subscribers are also eligible to submit claims.

CASCADIA CONSUMER/SURVIVOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meets on the third Thursday of each month we at Cascadia's SE Plaza at 3 pm

Take part in our Consumer Advocacy Project which will allow us to be participants in multiple forms of health reform advocacy at the local and state levels, including at Cascadia.

Contact: Amy Anderson 971-340-8942 or at
 (Note: new email address)
plazaconsumer@gmail.com

Cascadia's SE Plaza is at 2415 SE 43rd – go to the 43rd Street entrance, then to the 2nd floor, and we are in conference room 3 on the right (if the door isn't open yet, please sit in the waiting area until the meeting starts). Guests are welcome.

Garlington Client Council

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at Cascadia's Garlington Clinic at 10 am

Cascadia's Garlington Clinic is at 3034 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and we meet in room G2.

Contact: Ryan Hamit 971-340-8774 or at
 (Note: new email address)
garlingtonconsumer@gmail.com

Want to help improve interactions between police & people with disabilities in Portland?

From www.disabilityrightsoregon.org

Disability Rights Oregon helped establish crisis intervention training here in Portland in 1995, and we have been involved ever since, including presently by participating in the Crisis Intervention Team's (CIT) Advisory Group to ensure that the on-the-ground interactions that the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has with people with disabilities continues to improve. Please contact CIT Coordinator Liesbeth Gerritsen if you are interested in joining: 503.823.0183.

Oregon Consumer Advisory Council

The Oregon Consumer Advisory Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in meeting room HSB 166 at the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building (DHS main office), 500 Summer St NE, Salem, OR.

Contact: Michael Hlebechuk; 503.947.5536;
 email: michael.hlebechuk@state.or.us

Purpose statement:

- A) To inform the state mental health authority on mental health policy and service delivery from the perspective of people who receive or have received mental health services (consumer/survivors);
- B) To provide a forum for consumer/survivors to communicate special and unmet needs and concerns to the state mental health authority;
- C) To provide a forum for the state mental health authority to inform consumer/survivor leadership of efforts being made to provide a better system of mental health delivery.

Oregon DHS Mental Health Planning and Management Advisory Council

This Council advises the Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) in areas vitally important to the Consumers of Oregon.

- Advising AMH on mental health policies and programs for children and adults
- Facilitating effective cooperative working relationships among the parts of the mental health system
- Making recommendations about identifying, developing, and utilizing resources
- Identifying problems and recommending solutions
- Make plans for monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating the federally mandated state plan for mental health services.

Meetings - 1st Thursday of odd numbered months, 9 am - 11:45 am, Room 137C+D, Human Resources Building, 500 Summer St. NE, in Salem.

Website - <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/tools-policymakers/main.shtml#mh>.

Multnomah County

AMHSA Meeting - Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Council

This Consumer-run committee includes discussions about what is going on within the County and at Provider Agencies, and makes recommendations to Multnomah County.

Meetings - 1st Wednesdays, 10 am to 12 pm at the Lincoln Building at 421 SW Oak (2 blocks south of Burnside). Enter the front door, turn right, go to the receptionist desk in the County Mental Health office, and ask for directions.

<http://web.multco.us/mhas/mental-health-services>

Website - includes Minutes, Bylaws, their priorities, and a Membership List.

Quality Management Committee

The Committee advises the Quality Management Unit of the Mental Health & Addictions Services Division, which helps to protect County residents who receive public mental health services, and to continuously improve the quality of those services.

- Enforces privacy and confidentiality rules
- Measures treatment effectiveness (includes designing surveys)
- Performs certification reviews to determine if an agency will be qualified as a provider of mental health services
- Gives technical assistance to agencies who need to become compliant with state rules
- Investigates around 200 allegations of abuse of adults with mental illness annually

Meetings - 2nd Thursday of every month, from 3pm to 5pm, in Conference Room 112 of the Multnomah Building, at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, in Portland.

Website - <http://web.multco.us/mhas/quality-management>. They include Minutes of their Committee, Publications (including analysis of Multnomah County surveys), and detailed Contact Info for their Staff.

Oregon Health Authority Facebook

Keep up to date on the Oregon health care reform news by going to the Oregon Health Authority's Facebook

www.facebook.com/OregonHealthAuthority

Clackamas County

Mental Health and Addictions Council

Meetings - 4th Tuesdays most months. To confirm meeting time/location, call Karen Erwin at 503-742-5310.

Website - http://www.clackamas.us/community_health/behavioral/councils.html

Washington County

Behavioral Health Council

Website - <http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/Addiction/behavioral-health-council.cfm>

Mental Health America of Oregon

Mental Health America of Oregon is an inclusive grassroots organization dedicated to empowering consumer / survivor voices to drive services and policies that foster wellness and full participation in the community.

3534 SE Main St., Portland OR 97214
503-922-2377(voice) 888-820-0138 (toll free)
TTY: use 711 relay mhaoforegon@gmail.com
www.mhaoforegon.com

Oregon Health Connect

www.oregonhealthconnect.org

We link you to information about health care and health insurance in Oregon. Use the Resource Directory to find public health programs like Oregon Health Plan. Locate affordable medical services at health clinics and county health departments. Learn how private health insurance works, including your appeal and complaint rights. Track health care reform. Find programs for healthy living. Uninsured? Approaching Medicare? Have a pre-existing condition? Make this your one stop for information on Oregon health coverage options.

Write Around Portland

Nonprofit organization for writers. Provides facilitated workshops in safe, accessible and respectful environments for people to write and share. Holds community readings to promote the exchange of stories. Publishes anthologies to connect writers and readers.

917 SW Oak St. #406 503-796-9224
 Hours: 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday
www.writearound.org

The Mental Health Association of Portland

is seeking consumer perspectives on mental health and addictions issues

www.mentalhealthportland.org

The Mental Health Association of Portland is seeking writers and editors from the mental health community to present a consumer perspective on mental health and addictions issues.

For more info send email
 to:info@mentalhealthportland.org.

EYES & EARS

Welcomes your contributions

**Contact Duane
 at the Plaza Consumer Office weekend
 afternoons at Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
 at 2415 SE 43rd Avenue Portland Oregon
 503-238-0705 Ext. 204 from 1-3 pm weekdays**

Or E-Mail: eyes.ears@cascadiabhc.org

Street Roots

www.streetroots.org

Street Roots is a nonprofit newspaper assisting people experiencing homelessness and poverty by creating flexible income opportunities. Through education, advocacy and personal expression, we are a catalyst for individual and social change.

Madness Radio

voices and visions from outside mental health

Madness Radio focuses on personal experiences of 'madness' and extreme states of consciousness from beyond conventional perspectives and mainstream treatments. The show also features authors, advocates, scientists, healthcare practitioners, and artists. Hosted by Will Hall

Madness Radio wants your involvement! Got an idea for a topic or guest? Want to leave feedback on a particular show? How about asking local stations to broadcast Madness Radio? And we can always use donations. Visit our website at www.madnessradio.net

You can also access the shows from Mental Health Association's website at:

www.mentalhealthportland.org

TriMet bus pass discount after the 15th

If you need a bus pass and it's after the 15th, you can purchase one for half price from TriMet.

TriMet Ticket Office 701 SW 6th Ave.
 At the Pioneer Courthouse Square 503-238-7433

Oregon Health Plan's OHP Standard Reservation List is Open

OHP Standard provides free or low-cost health coverage to Oregon residents who:

- Do not have health care insurance
- Are ages 19 through 64
- Are not pregnant
- Have limited income

You or someone you know can place your name on the reservation list in one of three ways:

- **Fill out a request online at** [www.oregon.gov/
 DHS/open](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/open)
- **Mail a request.** Forms are available at all DHS/
 AAA offices, county health departments and
 most hospitals and clinics **including the
 Cascadia Plaza clinic at SE 43rd & Division.**
- **Sign up by phone.** Call 1-800-699-9075 or 503-
 378-7800 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 7:00
 am to 6:00 pm

Mental Health America

Mental Health America keeps you informed on the latest that is happening in Congress on crucial legislation that affects access to care, federal funding and services. Their website makes it very easy to send emails to congressional leaders with your personal input on legislative issues.

Go to www.mentalhealthamerica.net and click Take Action Now under the Action menu

The Department of Human Services Wellness Initiative

Get empowered by finding out ways to improve your mental and physical well being

DHS provides a Wellness Initiative web site at oregon.gov. Click on Human Services and then Mental Health.

The site has links to helpful articles, resources and web links, as well as reports, research, presentations and newsletters.

Disability Rights Oregon (formerly Oregon Advocacy Center) www.disabilityrightsoregon.org

Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) provides legal advocacy to individuals with disabilities who have an issue related to their disability.

DRO's website is designed to be a hub for Oregon's Disability Community, gathering a wide variety of current information in one place.

Multnomah County's Mental Health Call Center

Do you or does someone you know need help with a mental health or addiction problem?

Multnomah County Mental Health and Addictions Services Call Center is Portland's mental health information and referral hub for persons in crisis.

The call center is staffed by mental health professionals 25 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached at 503-988-4888 or 1-800-716-9769.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

Personal Care Services (PCS) are services that support consumer/survivors in Oregon to help them live independently and participate in community activities. The state pays for the PCS services.

Consumer/Survivors who qualify for PCS can get up to 20 hours a month of assistance for:

- Nutrition
- Medication management
- Housekeeping tasks
- Personal hygiene
- Arrangement of medical appointments
- Emotional support
- And other tasks that are difficult because of your disability.

You may qualify if you have an Oregon Health Plan card. (Eligible for Medicaid), and you are not receiving services from a licensed residential program such as a foster home or group home, and you feel that because of your mental health issues, you would benefit from this assistance.

If you are interested in receiving Personal Care Services, contact your case manager.

Need to Talk? Call the David Romprey Oregon Warm Line

Staffed by trained Peers
People just want to be heard.

**Warm line hours
1-800-698-2392**

Monday 10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday Noon -10 pm
Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday 8 am - 6 pm
Friday Noon - 5 pm
Saturday 5 pm -10 pm
Sunday 5 pm -10 pm

This Warline is NOT a resource line
Call to have a confidential conversation with a Peer
who will listen without judgment or criticism.

Together we can learn and grow.

[www.communitycounselingsolutions.org/
warmline.html](http://www.communitycounselingsolutions.org/warmline.html)

**See the Eyes&Ears Online Edition on
the
Mental Health Association of Portland
Website at**

www.mentalhealthportland.org

The Mental Health Association of Portland is a great resource for news and commentary on mental health issues of the day. Go to their site and check them out!

At Cascadia

Cascadia Garlington Center Recovery Services

Cascadia Garlington Center is an outpatient clinic, that provides multi-disciplinary, culturally relevant treatment services to persons with a mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder with specialized culturally specific services available for African Americans. We are located at 3034 NE MLK Blvd. Portland, OR 97212. Phone: 503-283-3763

We offer a variety of classes for:

- Depression - Anxiety - Stress management
- Healthy relationships - Bipolar
- Skills training for various topics
- Culturally specific classes are also available for African American Women.

If you are interested in attending a class, please contact your case manager.

Want to Go Back to School?

Whether you want to:

Enroll in a college

Complete your GED or,

Improve your Reading, Writing or Math Skills

**The Supported Education Program
at Cascadia can help!**

**Come to an orientation
And learn all about our program!**

Mondays at 1 pm

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare - 503-238-0705
2415 SE 43rd, Second floor, Room #1

Support and Education Groups Offered by Portland Hearing Voices

Open to all. Inclusive, non-judgmental, pro-choice and pro-diversity. Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. People who hear voices, have unusual beliefs, altered states of consciousness or mental health diagnosis are especially invited.

Voices And Extreme States Support Group

led by Will Hall. Open to people who have these experiences.

Meetings are held at

Empowerment Initiatives - 3941 SE Hawthorne on the first and third Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

April 19th, May 3, 17, June 7, 14

See other coming events at the Portland Hearing Voices website at

www.portlandhearingvoices.net

What is it like to live with voices, visions, and extreme states of consciousness? What do these experiences mean to you? How can we learn to accept and live with who we are? What are ways to cope with fear, trauma, isolation, and overwhelming responses? Are there positive, creative, and spiritual sides to what we go through? What is mental diversity all about?

Will Hall was diagnosed with schizophrenia and is an internationally recognized mental diversity educator, advocate, and counselor.
www.willhall.org

For more information contact

portlandhearingvoices@gmail.com

www.portlandhearingvoices.net

413.210.2803

Empowerment Initiatives

Serving people with mental health diagnosis. Help in finding and securing resources most effective for their mental health and well being.

www.chooseempowerment.com

3941 SE Hawthorne (503) 249-1413

NAMI Programs and Classes

NAMI provides free classes to family members of children and adults with mental illness. To learn more about our program offerings, contact:

Multnomah NAMI: (503) 228-5692
nami.multnomah@gmail.com

Clackamas NAMI: 503-344-5050
nami.clackamas@gmail.com

Washington NAMI: 503-356-6835
FamilySupport@NamiWash.org

Family-to-Family is a twelve week course which educates families with an adult family member (spouse, parent, adult child, etc) suffering from mental illness. The class focuses on major brain disorders, family coping mechanisms, as well as advocacy and communication techniques.

NAMI Basics course consists of a series of workshops for caregivers of children with brain disorders. It covers educational material and provides the basics for day-to-day caregiving skills.

In Our Own Voice (IOOV) is a consumer based presentation program that creates awareness about the possibility for recovery from mental illness. IOOV presentations are held for other consumers, family members, health care providers, law enforcement officials, faith community or any other community or civic organization.

Peer To Peer, a nine week course on the topic of recovery for any person with a serious mental illness who is interested in establishing and maintaining wellness. This course is taught by trained "Mentors" who have personal experience with living with a mental illness.

Join over 2,600 Fans of Mental Health Association of Portland on Facebook

The Mental Health Association of Portland invites you to join us on Facebook at

www.mentalhealthportland.org

Join us at NorthStar

What is NorthStar?

A place to go. A place to return to.
A place to find meaningful relationships.
A place to find fulfilling work.

NorthStar is a community for adults with mental illness looking for a place to go and/or find meaningful and productive volunteer or paid work.

Contact us for more information!

522 N.E. 52nd Ave., Portland, Oregon 97214
(971)544-7485

Northstarportland.org
info@northstarportland.org

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Groups

NAMI Connection is a weekly recovery support group for people living with mental illness in which people learn from each others' experiences, share coping strategies, and offer each other encouragement and understanding. The groups are free to attend.

Multnomah NAMI - 503-228-5692 for more info

Tuesdays, 11:00 am Luke Dorf, 9255 NE Halsey Street, Portland Oregon 97220.

Saturdays 3:30 pm 5228 NE Hoyt Street, Bldg. B., Portland, Oregon 97213

Clackamas NAMI - 503-344-5050 for more info or Email: nami.clackamas@gmail.com

Wednesdays 3 pm at Clackamas Community College, in the Community Center, Rm CC112

Wednesdays: 12 - 1:30 pm, Hilltop- 998 Library Ct, Oregon City

Saturdays: 1 - 2:30 pm. Call Steve Levine for more info at: 503-697-1854 or email at: steve.levine@comcast.net

FolkTime

FolkTime's mission is to provide opportunities for individuals facing the challenge of mental illness, to regain their sense of community, by providing a supportive environment which promotes peer support and self determination

The schedule of activities at FolkTime is determined by members at a monthly community meeting. Hot lunches are served at 12:30 Mondays and Wednesdays, and are prepared on site and shared together. Members are asked to donate \$1 towards lunch. Sack lunch now being served on Thursdays.

Every week, except Tuesdays, members gather to participate in a variety of activities, including art and craft projects, writing group, guest speakers, games, yoga, bingo, karaoke, and discussions on current topics of interest. Each week we venture out to a bowling alley, local parks, museums, and gardens, or participate in community events.

New groups and programs are being planned for the future.

Folk Time now has a full schedule on Thursdays, starting with an art class at 10:45 led by an art therapist, followed by a sack lunch at 12:15, and ending with Creative Writing at 1:30.

Open to all persons, 18 and over, with a mental health diagnosis and connected with a mental health provider or social worker.

-Couch Street site: 4837 NE Couch St., 503-238-6428
Mondays & Wednesdays 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. and
Thursdays from 10:45 am to 3 pm.

-Safe Haven site - 142 Molalla, Oregon City 503 -722-5237 Mon, Thurs & Fri 10 am to 2 pm

To view the schedules go to www.folktim.org

Bus directions to the Couch Street site: Take the # 20 East Burnside bus. Downtown you board it on West Burnside. Get off at East 47th & Burnside and walk north one block on 47th past the Community Policing Center and turn right on Couch until you come to a church on the left hand side of the street. Or take the #19 East Glisan bus and get off at NE 47th & Glisan and walk south down the hill to Couch and turn left.

Schizophrenia Support Group

Every Wednesday; 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

NAMI Multnomah office, 524 NE 52nd Ave,
Portland 97213

Contact: Arlene Stine, (503) 228-5692

Mission Statement - A safe place for people with schizophrenia to relax, socialize, and develop skills.

NAMI Major Depression Support Group

Would you like support and a welcoming environment to connect with other folks who deal with depression? Don't let depression get you down!

Come hang out with us on Thursdays!
2 pm - 3 pm NAMI Multnomah Office
524 NE 52nd Ave., Portland, OR
Questions? Call 503-228-5692

Rose Haven

627 NW 18th Ave

503-248-6364 rosehaven.moonfruit.com
All new informative website now up and running

Women support group, classes and activities
on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Referral & advocacy: afternoons except Wed.
Services for housing, legal aid, medical &
mental health care; Counseling; Compassionate
listening; Assistance navigating the social services
maze; Clothing & Hygiene items; Mailing address;
Voice mail; Support Groups

Independent Living Resources

Offering Advocacy, Information & Referral, Peer
Counseling, and Skills Training for people with
disabilities. Classes, support groups, recreation and
volunteer opportunities www.ilr.org

1839 NE Couch St, Portland 503-232-7411

Online mental health and recovery support sites

This is a listing of some online sites that offer various types of support for persons with mental illness, their friends, family and those that work in mental health.

Forums at Psych Central - An abundance of forums to choose from.

<http://forums.psychcentral.com/>

What a Difference a Friend Makes

<http://www.whatadifference.samhsa.gov>

Voice-Hearers - This group is for people who hear, or who have heard voices.

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/voice-hearers>

Online Recovery Support - An online resource for the recovery community.

<http://onlinerecoverysupport.ning.com>

Rose City Recovery Connections - An online site for the Portland recovery community.

www.rc-rc.info/index.html

About.com:mental health Explore mental health

<http://mentalhealth.about.com>

Voices Across the World: Living with Mental Illness. This Facebook page was created to give those of us diagnosed with mental illness a collective voice in a safe "no stigma zone".

www.facebook.com/VoicesFightingTheStigma?ref=mf

No Kidding, Me Too! - Fights stigma through education and breaking down societal barriers. An amazing number of actors and other entertainment professionals are involved. <http://nkm2.org/>

Dialectal Behavior Therapy - Website for people who are seeking information about DBT (Dialectal Behavior Therapy). This site was written primarily by PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH DBT, not DBT professionals. We cannot give advice, but we can talk about our experiences on our DBT journey. www.dbtselfhelp.com

SMART Recovery

Self-management and Recovery Training

The scientific alternative for people seeking independence from addictive behaviors including alcohol, other drugs and gambling

- Discover your personal power and strengths, and regain your confidence.
- Use supportive groups to brainstorm solutions to real personal problems.
- Clarify your values and find life, purpose, and hope.
- Learn tools and techniques for self-directed change.
- Be motivated to recover and live a satisfying life.

There are several meetings held in and around Portland.

For more information call Hank Robb at 503-635-2489 or email him at robbhb@pacificu.edu.

Visit SMART's website at www.smartrecovery.org, for a list of current meetings.

Dual Diagnosis Anonymous of Oregon

Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

www.ddaoregon.com

DDA is a program based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with an additional 5 steps that focus on Dual Diagnosis. DDA's unique 12 steps + 5 program offers hope for achieving the promise of recovery.

DDA Central Office 521 SW 11 Avenue (2nd floor). Monday thru Friday from noon to 1 pm. Open meetings. Call 503-222-6484.

Meetings are subject to change without notice. Please contact DDA at 503-737-4126 for more information.

Go to DDA's website listed above for a listing of meetings taking place in the Portland metro area and elsewhere.

COMING EVENTS

Mental Health America's 2011 Annual Conference

June 9 -11, 2011 at Washington, D.C.

Scholarships to MHA's 2011 Annual Conference are being provided to consumers of mental health services by SAMHSA/CMHS

www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/conference

Alternatives 2011 to Be Held in Orlando, FL

Save the Date! Alternatives 2011, the annual national conference organized by and for individuals with psychiatric histories, will be held from Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, through Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, at the Caribe Royale Orlando in Orlando, Fla.

Presentation proposals being taken until May 31st. Go to www.alternatives2011.org for application and other information about the conference.

Alternatives 2011 is being organized by the National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse www.mhselfhelp.org, a peer-run national technical assistance center funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services.

2011 NAMI Convention

Chicago July 6-9

Some scholarships available

nami.org

Mark your calendar! Join us to raise funds and awareness, and break stigma

Annual Northwest NAMI Walk!

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade Festival Area
(near OMSI) Portland, Oregon

Registration begins at noon; walk begins at 1 PM.

2,000 people will walk together in May, to say "Recovery is possible; mental health matters; and that people living with mental illness are a valuable part of our community."

Seventy-five percent of funds raised by NAMI Multnomah teams goes directly to NAMI Multnomah's affiliate, to provide support, education and advocacy for individuals living with mental illness and their families. The remaining 25% is used by state and national NAMI.

Signing up as a team captain or walker and raising money, will help NAMI Multnomah continue to provide hope, help and healing. Sponsorship opportunities are also available to directly benefit NAMI Multnomah's many programs.

Sponsorship levels for NAMIWalk range from \$250 to \$10,000.

Please assist us in identifying businesses and individuals in the community to support NAMI Multnomah programs.

Please review your holiday card list, vendors, neighbors and business associates, forward those contacts to NAMI Multnomah Walk Committee Chair Wendy Sample if you would like her to approach them for support of the NAMIWalk. For more information contact Wendy Sample at 503-245-2647 or email at wendyweworks@ymail.com. Sign up a team or join a team today by visiting the walk web site: www.nami.org/namileaks/OR

Thank you for your participation!

Employment & Educational Opportunities

DePaul Industries

4950 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland OR
503-281-1289 www.depaulindustries.com

8 a.m.-5 p. m, Monday-Friday.

Transit: 6 down MLK Jr. Blvd.

Temporary staffing service specializing in employing the disabled or people in recovery. All are welcome. The programs are individualized and can accommodate those with special needs, including hearing impairment and visual impairment. Employment options for people with all kinds of disabilities, including injury and illness related disabilities. Security and clerical job training and placements.

Dress For Success

1532 NE 37th Ave. Portland OR (503) 249-7300
www.dressforsuccessoregon.org

By Referral only. See website/Call for referring agency.

Transit: 77, Max Blue, Green, Red

Resources and support to help low-income women successfully enter the workforce. We offer professional clothing for job interviews and the workplace, and assistance with resume preparation and job search in our Career Center. Once employed, we provide job retention resources, training and mentoring through our Professional Women's Group (PWG).

Epilepsy Foundation: Employment Plus

5251 NE Glisan St., #A-203, Portland OR
503-228-7651 www.epilepsynw.org

Call for appointment and intake. Transit: 19, 71

Employment assistance for people diagnosed with epilepsy. Call for appointment for intake meeting.

Empowerment Initiatives

3941 SE Hawthorne Portland OR 503-249-1413
www.chooseempowerment.com

Call for hours

Transit: 12, 19, 20

Serving people with mental health diagnoses. Help in finding and securing resources most effective for their mental health and well being.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

2101 NE Flanders St. Portland OR 503-232-7684
www.doleta.gov/seniors

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p. m. Monday-Friday.

Transit: 12 to NE Flanders.

A Title V training program free for senior citizens 55 and older. Promotes older workers as a solution for businesses seeking a trained, qualified, and reliable workforce. Facilitates economic self-sufficiency for older individuals and their families who are working.

Human Solutions-Living Solutions

18709 SE Stark St Portland OR (503) 548-0270
www.humansolutions.org

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Transit: MAX Blue Line

Living Solutions offers employment training for low-income families in Gresham. Services include: GED preparation classes, assists with work searches, resume building; participants receive job coaching and career training. Call for eligibility pre-screen. Orientation is required and available. Services available in English/Spanish.

The above info came from the Rose City Resource produced by Street Roots. For a listing of more resources go to www.rosecityresource.org. Hardcopy guides are available at the Street Roots office at 211 NW Davis St in Old Town Portland, or from your friendly neighborhood Street Roots vendor.

Employment & Educational Opportunities

(See more in the Resources pages)

WorkSource Portland Metro

www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org

Your local WorkSource partners have the resources you need to sharpen your skills, find the perfect job, and advance your career. Our centers are open to all job seekers and career advancers age 18 and older.

At the WorkSource Centers you can access:

- iMatchSkills and other internet-based job search tools
 - Job postings - web-based and employer posted
 - Telephones, fax, and copy machine to help with your job search
 - Resume writing tools
 - Information on local industries and jobs – and their pay rates
 - Workshops to help focus your job search
 - Information about community resources

We help you compete in today's job market:

- Identify your skills, interests, and strengths
 - Find out which skills businesses value most
 - Learn how to interview and network
 - Target your job search toward high growth industries
 - Staff assistance with career advancement planning

Our staff will connect you with training options, such as:

- Occupational skill training
 - Apprenticeship programs
 - Continuing education in your field
 - Adult Education, including GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Financial Literacy classes

Worksource Portland Metro Southeast
7916 SE Foster Road, Suite 104
Portland, OR 97206 (503)772-2300
For other locations go to the website listed above.

Resources

Multnomah Mental Health
Crisis Number: 503-988-4888
Or 1-800-716-9769

Mental Health Organizations -

- Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare - Central Intake - 503-674-7777. Urgent Care Walk In Clinic 7 am-10:30 pm 7 days a week - 2415 SE 43rd 503-238-0705 Integrated Treatment Services (drug/alcohol) 503-230-9654**

- Central City Concern 12th Avenue Recovery Center -**
503 - 294-1681 www.centralcityconcern.org

- El Programa Hispano** - work, housing and more;
downtown Portland: 503-236-9670, Gresham: 503-669-8350

www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org

- LifeWorks Northwest -503-645-9010**
www.lifeworksnw.org. E-mail intake@lifeworksnw.org.

- Portland Veterans Center - 503-273-5370**
PTSD and sexual trauma counseling (individual & group), employment services, and more; www.va.gov

Mental Health Drop - In Centers:

- Folk-Time** Socialization & Support - 4837 NE Couch St., 503-238-6428 Mondays & Wednesdays 11:30 - 2:30
www.folktim.org

- Safe Haven** (Folk Time program) - 142 Molalla, Oregon
City 503-722-5237 Mon, Thurs & Fri 10 am to 2 pm

National Mental Health Organizations:

- Mind Freedom** - Campaigns for human rights in mental health; also contact if have been abused by the psychiatric system. 1-877-MAD-PRIDE: www.mindfreedom.org

- National Alliance on Mental Illness** - Education, support, advocacy, info/referral; www.nami.org/Multnomah; 503-228-5692

- National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse; 800-553-4539; www.mhselfhelp.org**

- Mental Health America** - Education, support; 1-800-969-NMHA (6642); www.mentalhealthamerica.net
 - SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center** - Mental health information; 1-800-789-2647; www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov

Mental Health Support Groups or Information:

- Northwest Autism Foundation** - info on autism and contact info on treatment. www.autismnwaf.org. 503-557-2111

- Portland Aspergers Network** 503-284-4507, 503-682-1609. Email: contact@aspergersnet.org. Web:

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