

Official Registration Brochure

The California Mental Health Advocacy Conference



April 15 & 16, 2010

Together Towards Hope and Dignity

Freeing Our Communities
from Stigma and Discrimination



Thursday April 15 & Friday April 16, 2010
Wilshire Grand Hotel • 930 Wilshire Blvd.
Downtown Los Angeles

A project of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Empowerment and Advocacy

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An Invitation



The Los Angeles Advocacy Conference Steering Committee, in partnership with the Los Angeles Social Inclusion and Dignity Task-force, invite you to the second California Mental Health Advocacy Conference! The Advocacy Conference was founded on the recovery vision of the Mental Health Services Act, to empower communities and advocates in transforming systems and helping individuals and communities recover from the disabling effects of mental illness.

Our second California Mental Health Advocacy Conference brings together change champions and stakeholders from the state and nation to learn, plan and discuss ways to free ourselves, our systems and our communities from the pervasive hold of stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness symptoms, labels and treatment.

The Mental Health Services Act represents a powerful resource for change to benefit all those affected by mental illnesses. But the work of reducing the burden of stigma, bias and prejudice belongs to communities invested in the wellness, hope and recovery of their communities. We invite you then to join us in this important work—families, providers, community leaders, consumers—to activate Hope, Wellness and Recovery with us in Los Angeles, and to carry positive change forward to new levels in our state, nation and beyond.

CONFERENCE LINE UP Registration begins each day at 8:00 a.m

D A Y O N E		D A Y T W O	
WELCOME Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Los Angeles County District 2		WELCOME Marvin Southard, DSW, Director Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	
OPENING REMARKS Robin Kay, PhD., Chief Deputy Director Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Overview		FEATURED PRESENTATIONS DeQuincy Lezine, Ph.D. Researcher Author, <u>Eight Stories Up</u>	
Eduardo Vega, M.A., Director Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Empowerment and Advocacy		National Initiatives to Promote Social Inclusion and Dignity Paolo DeVecchio, Associate Director, Office of Consumer Affairs SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services	
FEATURED PRESENTATIONS Father Gregory J. Boyle, S.J., Director Homeboy Industries		WORKSHOP SESSION III	
Patrick Corrigan, PsyD., Author Principal Investigator, Chicago Consortium on Stigma Research		PLENARY PANEL The Shape of Stigma in California's Diverse Communities	
“Eliminating Stigma and Discrimination Workshops”		KEYNOTE ADDRESS Gayathri Ramprasad, MBA, President "Mind Beautiful" Board Member NAMI Oregon, Founder ASHA international	
WORKSHOP SESSION II		“MINDS ON THE EDGE” Dialogues to build community advocacy Barbara Margolis, Executive Director, Fred Friendly Seminars Fred Frese, PhD. Researcher and Advocate	
5:30 - 6:30 pm Networking Reception hosted by Los Angeles Peer-Run programs		CLOSING CONVOCATION	
EVENING ADVOCACY AWARDS — Honoring California 1st District Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro (D-North Coast)			

8:45
a.m.

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5:30

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Conference Summary

The 2010 Mental Health Advocacy conference is a two-day event that serves both as a vehicle for challenging stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness, and as a forum for learning, sharing and building strategies to eliminate these while promoting dignity for clients and family members.

Over four hundred (400) attendees from across California will participate in learning about the dilemma of stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness from national leaders. They will join in sharing their skills and planning advocacy strategies and advancing the work that challenges stigma in every community. National experts will inform attendees with leading research and nuanced discussion of the shape of stigma and how to challenge it in diverse communities. Legal experts and public health attorneys will contribute understanding of the interface of civil protections and discrimination. Daily workshops will empower participants with hands-on skills and tools for confronting stigma and reducing discrimination in areas of housing, employment, relationships and other important domains of living, developing and embracing a human dignity and social justice agenda to support the wellness of all individuals.

The Conference will also include recognition for special achievement in challenging stigma and advocacy for citizens of Los Angeles and California communities who have made a difference in many people's lives through their efforts to champion mental health causes and the rights and dignity of those affected by mental illnesses.

The conference will feature exciting and inspirational work such as that of **Patrick Corrigan**, one of the world's foremost researchers in the area of mental health stigma, **Gayathri Ramprasad**, whose personal story, energy and courage are challenging stigma and the conspiracy of silence and shame internationally. It will be capped by a discussion and interactive session on the innovative "**Minds on the Edge**" program, broadcast on national PBS, as a means of building dialogue, understanding and action to develop humane, positive responses to mental health crisis.

STIGMA ELIMINATION AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION WORKSHOPS

Twenty-Four (24) Stigma and Discrimination Workshops are provided keyed to themes of A) Public Stigma, B) Individual Stigma and C) Systematic Stigma and Discrimination. Each of the three Workshop sessions will feature eight (8) trainings to choose from, developed with California subject experts especially for Advocacy Conference 2010.

APRIL 15— Mental Health Advocacy Awards Banquet with Assembly Member Chesbro

A special dinner with California Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro (D— North Coast) will recognize his work and leadership in advancing California legislation that has instituted remedies for discriminatory practices in our public health and legal systems. This event will raise awareness and funds for the California Memorial Project, which Mr. Chesbro effected through his work in the legislature, to counter decades of discrimination by identifying the names and remains and establishing dignified memorials for the thousands of individuals buried in unmarked graves on the grounds of California's state mental hospitals.

Hotel Information



Wilshire Grand Hotel
930 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Reservations: (888) 773-2888

Room Reservations

A block of rooms are available at a reduced per night rate of \$110.00 for Single and Double, \$25 for extra person. Cut-off date for this rate is **March 25, 2010**.

PLEASE RESERVE ROOMS ASAP!!

Reservation requests received after 5:00 p.m. local time are at the hotel's prevailing rate, based on availability.

Phone: (213) 688-7777 Fax: (213) 612-3976
www.wilshiregrand.com



Hotel is wheelchair accessible

DIRECTIONS TO THE WILSHIRE GRAND

DRIVING NORTH ON THE HARBOR (110) FREEWAY – Exit on 9th Street. Make a left on Figueroa Street to 7th Street, left on 7th Street to Francisco Street, then make an immediate right into the Wilshire Grand Garage.

DRIVING SOUTH ON THE HARBOR (110) FREEWAY – Exit on Wilshire Blvd. Turn left, crossing over the freeway to Francisco Street, then make a right on Francisco Street to the Wilshire Grand Garage on the left corner.

PARKING - Hotel valet parking is \$12.00. Alternate parking is available at reduced rates. Please contact Isabel Mendez for further information. 213-251-6510.



Registrant Information

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

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Phone

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Fax

Agency/Affiliation (if applicable) _____

Conference Registration

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Price</u>
<input type="radio"/> Two Day Conference	\$225.00 Including Thursday Evening Banquet
<input type="radio"/> Thursday, April 15th	\$150.00 Including Thursday Evening Banquet
<input type="radio"/> Thursday & Friday	\$200.00 Program Only
<input type="radio"/> Thursday, April 15th	\$100.00 Program Only
<input type="radio"/> Friday, April 16th	\$100.00



**Continental
breakfast &
lunch provided
both days**

Payment Information

Check # _____ Payable to: **Mental Health America**

Credit Card (circle one) Visa Master Exp. Date 3-digit Security

Credit Card # _____
(print legibly)

Signature _____

Special Requests

Language interpretation: _____ Vegetarian

Make checks payable to: **Mental Health America**.

Registrations paid via credit card can be faxed to: (562) 285-1334. Please contact Grace Gatchalian at (562) 285-1330 ext. 239 for credit card payments related questions.

For conference information please call:

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