



Mission Statement

The Mental Health Association in Geauga County's mission is to promote services and programs that are responsive to the mental health and chemical dependency needs of the citizens of Geauga County.

In furtherance of this purpose, we shall:

- * Provide individual and group educational opportunities.
- * Research, evaluate and disseminate relevant information.
- * Increase awareness of mental health and chemical dependency causes and issues.
- * Address public perceptions of mental health and chemical dependency.
- * Support and facilitate the programs, activities and services of public and private providers.
- * Foster public visibility of the Association as well as other community agencies.

The Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services funds the Facilitator & Panorama Newsletters, The Geauga County Suicide Prevention Coalition, The Very Important Kid Program, ParentTalk® Newsletter and NAMI Geauga County. The Teddy Bear Patrol and the Professional Workshop Series are funded through grants and donations from the community. Please make a tax deductible donation today!

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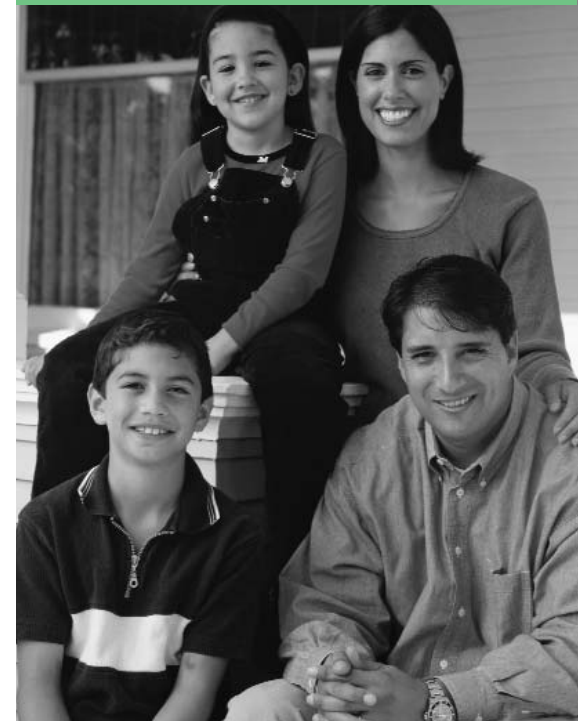
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The Facilitator Newsletter*

The Facilitator is a mental health newsletter delivered free to Geauga County subscribers. The Facilitator focuses on local mental health trends, agencies and local mental health services, and other local mental health resources. Sign up for your free subscription today.



Geauga County Suicide Prevention Coalition*

The Geauga County Suicide Prevention Coalition is a county-wide collaboration of human service agencies charged with reducing the stigma surrounding suicide by raising public awareness through education and public awareness. The Mental Health Association and Ravenwood Mental Health Center co-chair the

Coalition with help from many Geauga County human service professionals. The Suicide Prevention Coalition provides suicide prevention education to teens, community groups and civic organizations in Geauga County.



NAMI Geauga County*

NAMI Geauga County (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a grassroots, non-profit organization offering education, support, and advocacy that has been formed by families, friends, consumers and professionals dedicated to improving the quality of life for all whose lives are affected by mental illness. NAMI Geauga offers support groups, educational speaker meetings, and educational courses to persons and their families affected by serious mental illness.



The Panorama Newsletter*

The Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and the Mental Health Association collaborate in the development of this community newsletter. The Panorama includes information about local, state and national mental health trends, issues, and events. There is no charge to Geauga County residents.



The Mental Health Association in Geauga County

is an educational arm of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services. If you would like information about any of our programs, would like to become a volunteer or donor, or subscribe to our newsletters, please contact us:

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Parentalk® Newsletter*

Parentalk® is a parenting education newsletter, mailed at no charge to first time parents in Geauga County. Issues are sent monthly during the first two years of a child's life, and then several times a year until the child reaches the age of five. Each issue focuses on topics



such as physical and mental growth, nutrition, and changing family needs as they relate to the current age and developmental stage of the child.

Professional Workshop Series

Our Professional Workshop Series offers mental health professionals a variety of local workshops for continuing education credits. Bipolar and Other Mood Disorders, Bridges Out of Poverty, and Assessing & Treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Youth are a few recent topics. These quality workshops are provided at affordable prices.



The Teddy Bear Patrol

The Mental Health Association arms Geauga County police officers, sheriff's deputies, firemen, EMTs, victim advocates and other emergency workers with teddy bears to comfort children. Whether a child has been injured, lost, the victim of a domestic dispute, or another traumatic event, he or she is given a cuddly bear. Teddy Bear Patrol provides "small comforts for small people."



The Very Important Kid Program*

The Very Important Kid Program is provided to Geauga County preschool and daycare facilities to support development of children's self-esteem. The program helps children to develop a better understanding of cooperation and collaboration. It enhances respect for their own individuality and feelings as well for the individuality and feelings of others. The Very Important Kid curriculum is available to preschool and daycare facilities outside Geauga County for an affordable fee.



* The Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services funds these local programs.