

## Our Mission

To improve the lives of the citizens of Bucks County who suffer from a serious mental illness or, as family members and caregivers, share the burden of these devastating illnesses.

Our mission is accomplished through programs designed to **support, educate** and **advocate** for individuals with a mental illness and their family members. We strive to educate the public about the true nature of mental illnesses and combat the stigma and discrimination often faced by people with these serious brain disorders.

Our programs educate individuals with mental illness to better understand their illness, stressors, and how to live in recovery. We help families to understand and be supportive of loved ones with mental illness. We also advocate for training of teachers, law enforcement, and first responders to recognize and respond appropriately to individuals with mental illness.

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## Work Incentives for Young Adults with Disabilities with

**Michelle A. Leahy**  
**AHEDD**

**Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.**

Please join us for our September 17, 2009 General Meeting. Our speaker will be Michele A. Leahy, Transitional Work Incentive Coordinator Southeastern PA from AHEDD - A Specialized Human Resource Organization. "One of the most overlooked aspects of transition from school to adult life for young adults with disabilities is the impact of government benefits on career planning and choices about work. There is a lack of knowledge about the impact of earned income from employment in respect to eligibility and continuation of Social Security benefits. Myths and misconceptions are prevalent. As a result, individuals who want to work will avoid work or limit their earnings, in response to an unfounded fear of losing income and/or health insurance. Work incentive counseling optimizes a beneficiary's understanding of how work impacts benefits from Social Security Administration. The service also assists individuals in using federal and state work incentives."

**Abington Memorial Health Center, Warminster Campus**  
**(Formerly Warminster Hospital)**  
**Main Conference Room (Ground Floor)**  
**225 Newtown Rd., Warminster, PA 18974**  
Call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264) for further information

## Mental Illness Awareness Week Special Event "THE SOLOIST"

NAMI of Bucks County will be hosting a viewing of the movie, "*The Soloist*", starring Oscar Nominee Robert Downey Jr. and Oscar Winner Jamie Foxx to celebrate Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW). The movie will be followed by a panel discussion. The event will be held at William Tennent High School Auditorium at 333 Centennial Rd., Warminster, PA 18974 during MIAW, October 4-10, 2009. The exact date has not yet been finalized - please watch for updates. There is no charge for this event, however, donations will be greatly appreciated. No reservations are required. Bring family and friends for a fun and informative evening. This movie is rated PG 13 (Parental Guidance Suggested)

"*The Soloist*" is based on the true story of the unlikely friendship between Nathaniel Ayers, a street musician living in Skid Row, and Steve Lopez, a columnist with the *Los Angeles Times*. In a series of columns, Lopez reports on Ayers' journey as a gifted student from the Julliard School of Music to the streets of Los Angeles, living with schizophrenia.

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**NAMI Bucks County  
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Letters, News Articles, and  
Announcements are welcome --  
Deadline for articles for our Holiday  
2009 issue is Oct. 19, 2009  
Send to above address or by e-mail to  
[info@namibucks.org](mailto:info@namibucks.org)

## Announcements

### **NAMI of Bucks County now part of United Way Donor Choice Program**

Donors can now designate a gift to NAMI of Bucks County via a Donor Choice during United Way's Annual Campaign. Our organization code is #14632 and is only valid for the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania. **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NEW NUMBER. BE SURE TO USE THIS NUMBER IF YOU WANT YOUR DONATION TO BENEFIT THE NAMI BUCKS COUNTY, PA CHAPTER.**

### **Designate NAMI Bucks to Receive Donations through EBAY Giving Works**

Sellers on EBAY can now designate all or a portion of the proceeds from an EBAY sale to benefit NAMI of Bucks County. When listing your item, go to the [Sell Your Item form](#) on EBAY. In the "Pictures & Details" section, click the "Add" link in the area titled "Donate percentage of sale." Choose your organization "NAMI of PA, Bucks County Chapter" to receive the proceeds or a portion of the proceeds.

### **Bucks County COMPEER**

Bucks County COMPEER is seeking volunteers throughout the county to be a friend to people in mental health recovery. It takes just four hours a month to make a difference in someone's life and give one of the greatest gifts a person can receive...FRIENDSHIP. To find out more about volunteering, please contact Julie Pulvers @ 215-785-2825.

### **WE NOW TAKE CREDIT CARDS**

#### **Renew your Membership or Make a Donation to NAMI of Bucks County Online.**

You can now become a new member, renew your current membership and/or make a donation to NAMI with your credit card either online or through the mail. You can use your own bank account or a credit card through a secure server at *PayPal*® to pay online. Visit our website at [www.namibucks.org](http://www.namibucks.org) for details or call Debbie at 1-866-399-NAMI (6264) for an application.

**NOTE: Since renewals are handled on a quarterly basis, you will be notified when your current membership is due to expire. Please do not renew your membership until you receive notice. If paying by check, we would appreciate if you would note in the memo section of your check whether it is a donation, membership renewal or both. We appreciate your help.**

### **Bucks County Caring Neighbor Sponsored by Lenape Valley Foundation**

All people have dreams, Some dream of money, Some dream of power, Some dream of fame and fortune. However, the biggest dream for many is friendship! You can make that dream come true! You can make a difference today in the life of an individual with mental illness. Please help brighten someone's life today. Please call 215-957-2204 for information.

## Thank You for Your Contribution

We want to thank the following who have been so generous:

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Your continuing contributions are important in sustaining our advocacy. NAMI welcomes and appreciates any amount that people can afford. Keep in mind when making your donation that many companies will match employee gifts. If you have not already contributed, please do so by sending your tax deductible donation to: NAMI of Bucks County, P.O. Box 355, Warrington, PA 18976-0355

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## Peer-to-Peer Education Class

Our Peer-to-Peer Education program will be offered again in Sellersville on Monday afternoons beginning September 14, 2009; in Warminster on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 8, 2009; and on Friday evenings in Bristol beginning

September 11, 2009. Peer-to-Peer is a unique, experiential learning program for people with any serious mental illness who are interested in establishing and maintaining their wellness and recovery.

If you are interested in taking the Peer-to-Peer Recovery Course, please call 1-866-399-NAMI(6264) to register. The program is free but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Class sizes are limited and fill up quickly.

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## Family-to-Family Education Class

NAMI Bucks County will be offering Family-to-Family Education Classes beginning in September in Warminster and Newtown.

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free 12-week course for family members and caregivers of individuals with severe brain disorders (mental illnesses). The course is taught by trained family

members. All instruction and course materials are free for class participants.

The Family-to-Family curriculum focuses on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). The course discusses the clinical treatment of these illnesses and teaches the knowledge and skills that

family members and caregivers need to cope more effectively.

If you are interested in taking the Family-to-Family Education Class, please call 1-866-399-NAMI(6264) to register. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Class sizes are limited and fill up quickly. For more information see our website [www.namibucks.org](http://www.namibucks.org)

## Second Annual Advancing in Recovery Event

The Second Annual Bucks County Advancing in Recovery event will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 8:30am-1:00pm at Spring Mill Manor, 171 Jacksonville Road, Ivyland, PA 18974. The keynote speaker will be Shery Mead speaking on "Peer Support: An Alternative Approach". This event is sponsored by the Bucks County Behavioral Health System In Collaboration with the Bucks County Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Bucks County

Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. and Magellan Behavioral Health. Shery's presentation, "Peer Support: An Alternative Approach" will inform the work of Peers working in Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, as well as Co-Occurring Disorders.

### Registration Information

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO CHARGE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED. To Register, Contact: Donna Lehman at:

[dmlhman@co.bucks.pa.us](mailto:dmlhman@co.bucks.pa.us) or 215-773-9313, ext 400, by October 8. Please be sure to leave your name, telephone number and whether you will require CEUs, as well as what kind of CEUs when registering. CEU credits are pending; but, if approved, will be available for NAADAC, NBCC, and ASWB. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Donna Giordano at 215-773-9313, ext. 437, or Sylvia Gentry at 215-773-9313, ext. 421.

## Give us your Poems, Stories, Anecdotes, Articles

We'd like to include your poems, personal stories, anecdotes and articles in the Chapter Newsletter. Send them to: NAMI of Bucks County, P.O. Box 355, Warrington, PA 18976-0355 or send by e-mail to [info@namibucks.org](mailto:info@namibucks.org)

### **The Uplift** *By Dolphus Jackson* November 15, 2008

I'm not the only one who lived a rough life,  
I'm just wondering if I'm right.  
If you did, just live day by day,  
Hour by hour,  
Second by second.  
If you think your life is a big wreck,  
This is nothing but a big test.  
So for the rest, try your best.  
We all have a rough road ahead of us,  
When we complete that road, we will have been blessed.

We will make a full turnaround,  
We shall pick ourselves off the ground.  
We will walk the streets with pride,  
We have to walk with our heads held high.  
We come together like stars in the sky.  
Why does our life have to be hard to get by?  
We will prove to them and ourselves,  
That we need the least bit of help.  
Mental health is hard to deal with,  
It's something that will never quit.  
If we stay in high spirits, everything will be ok,  
Don't worry people...I'm here to stay

### **My Love** *By Dorothy McClellan* September 30, 2008

My love is a poem, My Love is a song  
To my love I belong  
  
Love is his whisper, Love is his touch  
I love him so very much  
  
When his arms around me encircle  
It is a miracle  
  
His presence surrounds me  
I don't want to be free  
  
Love encompass when my love holds me close  
Of all my blessings, he is the most  
  
My love is my wonder of wonder  
He is the power of lightening and thunder  
  
His kiss is tender  
I love him, I surrender



## Training police to think differently about mental illness

July 05, 2009

By: JO CLAVAGLIA Bucks County  
Courier Times

### **Police in four Bucks towns soon will be trained in a jail diversion program designed to prevent violent interactions between cops and people with mental illness.**

The strange voices that Julie hears four hours a day are sometimes loud and overlap making it hard to focus when other people, like police officers, are speaking to her.

Julie has schizoaffective disorder, a common chronic mental illness that can result in suicidal or manic behaviors. A few times when she experienced a mental break, police were called.

Seven years ago, four police officers barged into her hotel room, she said. They were screaming orders, which scared Julie since she didn't think she was doing anything wrong.

The next thing she knew, the officers surrounded and handcuffed her and dragged her out of the hotel.

"It was very embarrassing and demoralizing," said Julie, who didn't want her last name used. "It was a terrible experience."

Also a common one for people with mental illness or brain disorders such as autism spectrum disorder who find themselves on the wrong side of the law, mental health advocates say. Such police interactions have the potential to escalate quickly,

putting at risk police and the individuals.

To avoid these scenarios, four Bucks County police departments are piloting a program used in more than 500 communities nationwide called a Crisis Intervention Team, or CIT. The jail diversion program is designed to improve police interactions involving people with mental or brain disorders.

Bensalem, Bristol, Bristol Township and Northampton patrol officers will be the first in the county formally trained in CIT later this year, according to county officials. The officers already have completed an introductory session during which they heard people like Julie talk about their police encounters.

Since February, three fatal shootings by police have occurred in Bucks County, all later determined as justified. The most recent involved a Middletown police officer who killed a brick-wielding man who had first assaulted a teen outside the Oxford Valley Mall in April. Police later learned that Tommy Lovett, 21, had a history of learning disabilities and had served two years of probation for assault charges two years earlier for a similar attack at a group home where he lived.

The Memphis Police Department was the first to create a team of trained officers who respond to mental crisis calls. The model emerged from a partnership between the police, the city's National Alliance on Mental

Illness chapter, mental health providers and two universities. Since the model was adopted in 1988, only two Memphis officers (who had no CIT training) have shot mentally ill suspects. The department also has seen significant declines in mentally ill individuals in jail custody, injuries among police officers and people with mental illness, and involuntary commitments.

The Bucks County CIT task force was created last July after almost two years of groundwork \*, including meetings with local mental health and law enforcement officials and families. In conjunction with its implementation, the county has started enhancing mental services, including expanding crisis center hours, hiring more crisis center security and a nurse practitioner who can prescribe medications, which could avoid an involuntary mental health commitment.

County officials hope the CIT program can relieve some of the overcrowding in the county prison by removing people with mental or behavior disorders who would be better addressed in a treatment setting. Mental health workers regularly identify county inmates with serious mental illness, and in many cases their criminal charges can be directly connected with their illness, said Bernard McBride, director of the county's behavior health system. In the last year alone, McBride knows of three county criminal court cases involving police encounters with adults with autism disorders.

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National Alliance on Mental Illness

## Training police to think differently about mental illness (Cont'd)

An estimated 4 percent to 8 percent of county prisoners have major, chronic mental illness or other brain disorders, said Harris Gubernick, Bucks County prison director. While a low number, managing them requires the most time and resources, Gubernick said. "That doesn't mean everyone with a mental health problem doesn't belong here," he added. "It's knowing which one is which."

### *Learning curve*

The calls that cops say they dread the most are the involuntary mental health commitments, better known as a 302. The confrontations are unpredictable. The individuals are irrational, unstable and uncooperative. If the calls occur when mental health provider offices are closed, police are left with only two options: arrest or commit to a short-term psychiatric hospital. But the involuntary commitment process can take hours, which takes the officer off the street.

"It's easier to get a commitment for a crime than to get them into the hospital," Gubernick said. This is how people experiencing a mental crisis end up in jail, mental health advocates say.

Also, how police approach a situation involving a person in crisis can inadvertently escalate tensions, mental health professionals and advocates say.

Police are trained to quickly take control of a crime scene, but shouting orders and directions can heighten feelings of paranoia and defensiveness, especially if the person is delusional, mental health professionals say. People with mental disorders may avoid eye contact, which police could interpret as

deceitful or disrespectful. Police could have prejudices or stereotypes about mental illness too.

What CIT training does is give police officers a deeper understanding of the major mental illnesses and developmental disabilities, symptoms, medications and techniques for deescalating situations, said Bensalem Director of Public Safety Fred Harran, who has undergone CIT training. "Mental illness is a disease; it's not something they can shake off," Harran said.

Bensalem has responded to an increasing number of calls involving mental illness recently. The calls increased 11 percent between 2007 and 2008, and, at the current rate, could rise 18 percent this year, Harran said.

The training emphasizes creating closer relationships between law enforcement and the mental health system so they can work together and direct a person into treatment, and if appropriate, avoid criminal charges.

Bucks County NAMI chapter member Agnes McFarlane doesn't believe many police realize how their actions are interpreted those experiencing a mental break.

"They just don't always understand what is going on. They take it as disobeying their order or resisting," said McFarlane, who also serves on the CIT task force. "People who don't have that experience in their family or study it or treat people, don't know what to expect."

Most who have police run-ins describe the experience as negative, said Julie, a peer

support counselor at Lenape Valley Foundation, the county's crisis mental health service provider and a CIT task force member.

To understand the mind of a person experiencing a psychotic break, think about how you feel when a police car is following you, she said. If you feel nervous and anxious, imagine hearing voices or having hallucinations, too. If the person is paranoid, an aggressive, approaching officer might elicit a defense response. Police sirens can be scary and distracting. Memory lapses are common. When someone is in a psychotic state of mind, they have a hard time following directions so police may need to repeat themselves," she said.

At introductory trainings, Julie has told police officers that speaking calmly and using simple, direct statements is the best approach. Don't lie. Don't be in a hurry. Don't treat the person like a child. Talk directly to the person, not just their family or friends. Simple advice, but it does work, she said.

A few years ago - when Julie had another psychotic break - the police officer who appeared at her door had a smile on his face. He introduced himself, explained why he and the other officers were there, and asked Julie to go with them. He even used the word, please. "I wasn't afraid at all," she said. "I know it's hard to go into a potentially dangerous situation with a smile on their faces, but smiling and a calm demeanor might help soothe the person."

### *Note:*

\*NAMI Bucks members laid the groundwork for the CIT program.

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## NAMI-CAN

### Kids Corner

## NAMI-CAN Support Group

NAMI-CAN (Children and Adolescent Network) is a support group for parents and/or caregivers of children with a mental illness. NAMI-CAN meets at the Voice & Vision office, 600 Louis Dr., Suite 106, Warminster, PA. The meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. For directions or more information, please call toll free at 1-866-399-NAMI(6264).

## Sixth Annual Bucks County Youth & Family Resiliency Conference

Bucks County will hold their Sixth Annual Youth & Family Resiliency Conference on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland, PA. This year's theme is "Humor Promotes Healing". The Featured Speakers will be Gina Gallagher and Patty Konjoian,

"The Movement of Imperfection". These women are parents of children with disabilities and have a humorous look at what day to day life is like in their families. The conference will also feature a Family Panel, Youth Presentations and many community resources as well as annual Resiliency

Awards. Sponsored by Bucks County Child Serving Systems, Youth and Families. Conference registration materials are not yet available but please mark the date on your calendar. You don't want to miss this one.

## College Plus Program

Voice and Vision offers the College Plus Initiative program to Bucks County residents with serious mental illness or a co-occurring disorder the opportunity for advanced education. The focus is on group and individual peer support, but assistance is also offered in obtaining financed and helping identify career goals. Assistance is offered in obtaining finances, establishing career goals and lending peer support on an individual and group level.

The purpose of College Plus is to help individuals with a mental illness or a co-occurring disorder identify and achieve their career/education dreams and goals. College Plus is a stepping-stone in helping people go to college and/or pursue other educational opportunities. Through peer support offered by College Plus, students will experience hope, perseverance increased self-esteem, and reduced

fear; thereby meeting career/education goals and strengthening overall well-being. **We welcome any person receiving MH services that is in college to attend our support groups.**

### Main Eligibility Criteria:

- ❖ Resident of Bucks County
- ❖ Strong desire to obtain a higher level of education and to advance to a career
- ❖ Have a documented mental health diagnosis
- ❖ Successfully complete the College Plus application process
- ❖ If accepted into this initiative, participate in group/individual peer support activities

### Background:

College Plus was birthed in Oct., 2007 as part of the spirit of advancing the focus of peer support and recovery in Bucks County. We recognize and

stress the importance of peer support in the success of people with mental illness. College Plus addresses the educational aspect and recognizes that continued education is a valuable part of community integration, employment & recovery.

Voice and Vision, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that operates with funds provided through the Bucks County Department of Mental Health/ Mental Retardation and the Bucks County Behavioral Health System. Additional funds may come from private donations, grants, and managed care organizations.

**For more information or an application packet, please call Caren N or Jacquelyn 1-800-734-5665, or E-mail:**

[collegeplus@voiceandvisioninc.org](mailto:collegeplus@voiceandvisioninc.org),  
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Voice and Vision, Inc., a local non-profit in partnership with people diagnosed with mental illness, addictions, and/or developmental disabilities is sponsoring this event.

*We value the gifts and strengths of all people, and support a person's right to self-determination in their efforts to achieve their dreams, visions, and goals.*

APPLEBEE'S in Quakertown  
(in front of WalMart)

Time: 7:00 to 10:00 am

Date: October 10, 2009

Contact person: Jacquelyn 1-800-734-5665

# **NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY** **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Classes will be held at Ann's Choice in Warminster  
and  
Community Crossing Church in Newtown**

**Beginning the second week of September**

**For Family Members of Close Relatives with  
Major Depression, Bipolar Disorder  
Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder  
Panic Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and  
Borderline Personality Disorder**

**A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support their ill relative while maintaining their own well being. The course is taught by a team of trained volunteer family members who know what it's like to have a loved one with a serious mental illness in the family. There is no cost to participate in the NAMI Family-to-Family Education program. Over 80,000 family members in the U.S. and Canada have completed this course. We think you will be pleased by how much assistance the program offers. We invite you to call for more information.**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**Space Is Limited - For Family Members Only- Course Is Free**

**Call: 1-866-399-NAMI(6264) to register**

**Sponsored by NAMI of Bucks County**

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# NAMI Peer-to-Peer

## Education Course

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Free Education for Individuals with Brain Disorders  
(Mental Illness)

*Peer-to-Peer is a unique, experiential learning program for people with any serious mental illness who are interested in establishing and maintaining their wellness and recovery. The course consists of nine 2-hour units and is taught by a team of three trained "mentors" who are personally experienced at living well with mental illness.*

Class Topics include

- Stigma
- Discrimination
- Relapse Prevention Planning
- Schizophrenia
- Bipolar Disorder
- Depression
- Sleep
- Panic Disorder
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Storytelling
- Language, Emotions
- Addictions, Spirituality
- Medication
- Coping Strategies and Decision Making
- Relationships
- Advance Directive Planning
- Empowerment and advocacy

***Classes will be held in Sellersville, Warminster and Bristol beginning in September and continuing for ten weeks.***

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**To register or for further information call**

**1-866-399-NAMI**

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## Coming Events / Dates to Remember:

1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays 7:30-9:00 PM <b>Newtown, PA</b> <b>NEW LOCATION</b>	<b>NAMI Family-to-Family <u>Support</u> Group Meeting - <u>Lower Bucks</u> –</b> Crossing Community Church 80 Silver Lake Rd. Newtown, PA 18940 For more information please call 1-866-399-NAMI(6264).
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays 6:30 – 8:30 PM <b>Lenape Valley Foundation</b> <b>Doylestown, PA</b>	<b>NAMI-CARE Support Group</b> Peer support group for people with a mental illness. Mondays in the main conference room at Lenape Valley Foundation 500 North West Street Doylestown, PA 18901 For more information call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264)
Wednesdays 6:30–8:30 PM <b>Penndel MH Life Program</b>	<b>NAMI-CARE Support Group</b> Peer support group for people with a mental illness. Wednesdays at Penndel Mental Health’s Life Program at 152 Monroe Avenue, Penndel, PA 19044 For more information call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264)
September 17, 2009 7:30 PM <b>Abington Health Center, Warminster Campus (Formerly Warminster Hospital)</b>	<b>NAMI Bucks General Meeting</b> Abington Memorial Health Center, Warminster Campus (Formerly Warminster Hospital) Main Conference Room (Ground Floor) 225 Newtown Rd., Warminster, PA 18974 <b>Work Incentives for Young Adults with Disabilities</b> <b>Michelle A. Leahy, AHEDD</b>
September 24, 2009 7:00 PM <b>Warminster, PA</b>	<b>NAMI-CAN (Children’s and Adolescents Network) Voice &amp; Vision Office Conf. Rm.,</b> 600 Louis Drive, Suite 106, Warminster, PA Meets every 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month - Call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264) for information
September 15, 2009 Tuesday Evenings <b>Newtown</b>	<b>Family-to-Family Education Program</b> For more information and locations call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264)
Sept. 2009 (day TBD) <b>Warminster</b>	<b>Family-to-Family Education Program</b> For more information and locations call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264)
September 8, 2009 Tuesday Evenings <b>Warminster</b>	<b>Peer-to-Peer Education Program</b> For more information and locations call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264)
September 11, 2009 Friday evenings <b>Bristol</b>	<b>Peer-to-Peer Education Program</b> For more information and locations call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264)
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October 22, 2009 8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. <b>Spring Mill Manor</b> <b>Warminster, PA</b>	<b>Bucks County 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advancing in Recovery Event</b> Contact Donna Giordano at 215-773-9313, ext. 437, or Sylvia Gentry at 215-773-9313, ext. 421
Spring 2010	<b>NAMI PA Annual Conference</b> Radisson Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, PA <b>POSTPONED DUE TO STATE BUDGET IMPASSE</b>



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