

Training Resources, Workshops and Conferences:

- The North Carolina Providers Council will present **CARF 101 Training** designed for Providers of CAP-MR/DD Services on March 30, 2009 and March 31, 2009, in Raleigh, NC. For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.ncproviderscouncil.org/SeminarsTrainingSessions/tabid/351/Default.aspx>.
- Disability Rights North Carolina presents **A Conference on Gaining and Maintaining Employment of People with Disabilities** on March 26, 2009 in Greensboro, NC. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.disabilityrightsncc.org/pages/197/PABSS-conference/>.
- Keystone Psychological Services PLLC will offer a training entitled **Diagnostic Assessment - Mental Health** on March 27, 2009 in Greensboro, NC. For more information and to register contact: Keystone Psychological Services PLLC, 620 S Elm Street, Suite 304, Greensboro, NC 27406. Phone: 336 210-3543.
- **The 4th Annual Youth Violence Prevention Conference: It's Never Too Early to Start** will be held March 27, 2009 in Charlotte, NC. There will be a Parent Teacher Forum **Raising Today's Kids to Resist Violence Tomorrow** on March 26, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For informational brochure, please go to: http://www.charlotteahec.org/ce/brochures/20090327_25718_youth_violence_prevention_conference.pdf
- **Basic Supervision for Health and Human Services Professionals** will be held April 1, 2009 and April 2, 2009 (*Dates rescheduled from snowed-out days January 20-21*) at the Medical Arts Center in Fayetteville. This training is sponsored by Southern Regional AHEC in affiliation with Duke University Medical Center (part of the NC AHEC program). For informational brochure, please go to: <http://www.southernregionalahec.org/professionals/pdf/BasicSupervision.pdf>.
- **2009 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Symposium: Helping Youth Succeed** will be held at Barium Springs Home for Children near Troutman, NC on April 1, 2009 and April 2, 2009. For more information and to register, please go to: https://www.bariumsprings.org/pilotFiles/pdf_documents/files/Mental%20Health%20Symposium%20packet.pdf.
- The next PARC (Professional Association of Rehabilitation Counselors) conference is scheduled for April 3, 2009 and April 4, 2009 to be held in Greenville, NC. The theme is holistic counseling and healing. For more information contact Lloyd Goodwin, Ph.D., LPC, LCAS, CRC, MAC, CCS, ACS at 252-744-6292 or <http://www.ecu.edu/rehb/>.
- Brown University Distance Learning Program is offering a credited, on-line course on clinician self-care. **Clinician Self-Care for Addiction Counselors and Clinical Supervisors** is a four-week course, beginning April 6, 2009. For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.browndlp.org/selfcareann.php>. For more information about courses offered by Brown University Distance Learning Program, please go to: <http://www.browndlp.org/>.
- **NC Council of Churches 2009 Legislative Seminar** will be held on March 31, 2009 at the White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.nccouncilofchurches.org/>.
- **Let's Talk Gestalt: A holistic Approach to Treating Substance Abuse Issues** will be held on April 9, 2009 in Greensboro, NC. For more information, please go to: <http://www.aheconnect.com/registration/gahec/eventdetail.asp?EventID=25654>.

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- North Carolina Guardianship Association's 2009 Annual Conference Racing Toward Excellence and the National Guardianship Association's 2009 Colloquium The Ethics of Our Decisions: Avoiding the Danger Zones will be held April 21, 2009 through April 24, 2009 at University Place Hilton in Charlotte, North Carolina. For conference and registration information, please go to: <http://www.nc-guardian.org/conference.php>.
- Eastern AHEC presents: "What Works" in Therapy: Translating 40 years of Outcome Research into Strategies for Effective Clinical Practice – A Day with Scott Miller, PhD on April 29, 2009 at the Edwin W. Monroe AHEC Conference Center in Greenville, North Carolina. For an informational brochure, please go to: <http://www.eahec.ecu.edu/brochures/e25922.pdf>.
- Developmental Leadership: A Coaching Approach for Improving Performance will be held on May 19, 2009 at Southern Regional AHEC in Fayetteville, NC. This training is sponsored by Southern Regional AHEC in affiliation with Duke University Medical Center (part of the NC AHEC program). For an informational brochure, please go to: <http://www.southernregionalahec.org/professionals/pdf/DevLeadership.pdf>.
- CPRSTAT, Inc. will hold a CPR and First Aid Train the Trainer Course on May 1, 2009 in Raleigh. Registration is first come first serve. Registration deadline is April 22, 2009 in order to receive material and be prepared. For more information on how to contact the company to register, please go to: <http://www.cprstat.com/>.
- Wake AHEC is sponsoring Latino Mental Health: Developing Resources to Strengthen Individuals, Families and Communities on May 1, 2009. There will be a free kick off event DeNadie Documentary on April 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Both events will take place in Raleigh. The purpose of this event is to educate participants regarding relevant mental health issues affecting Latino families. For an informational brochure, please go to: <http://www.wakeahec.org/coursecatalog/brochures/latinohealth09.pdf>.
- The 23rd Annual ADDICTION: Focus on Women Conference will take place May 12, 2009 through May 15, 2009 in Asheville, NC. Early registration deadline is April 20, 2009. For an informative brochure, please go to: <http://www.mahec.net/media/brochures/mh051209.pdf>.
- Recovery Works, Inc presents 1st Annual NC Peer Specialist Conference in Lenoir, NC on April 27, 2009 and April 28, 2009. For more information, please go to: <http://www.recoveryworksinc.org/current-events> or call 828-368-0070.
- NC FARO (Finance and Reimbursement Organization) Spring Conference will take place April 26, 2009 through April 29, 2009 in Wilmington, NC . For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.ncfaro.org/>
- NC Training Help is holding several trainings in April: Train the Trainer Intensive-In Home on April 17, 2009; Train the Trainer CAP MR/DD Core Competencies on April 18, 2009; CS TEAM Train the Trainer on April 24, 2009; and Train the Trainer, 26 Hour Curriculum on April 25, 2009. For more information, please go to: <http://stores.nctraininghelp.com/StoreFront.bok> and click on "Register for APRIL 2009 training dates."
- 5th Annual NC Parent Network Conference - Collaborating for Change: Better Tools, More Knowledge, Greater Power will be held April 21, 2009 and April 22, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Elon, NC. For more information, please go to: <http://www.ncparentnetwork.org/>

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- The **39th National Mental Health and Addictions Conference** will be held in San Antonio, Texas from April 6, 2009 to April 8, 2009. For more information and to register, please go to: http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/2009_overview.
- **UNC Horizons Program 6th Annual Conference: Women in Treatment: A Focus on Family Relationships** will be held in Chapel Hill, NC on April 15, 2009. Keynote Presentations include Philip J. Flores, Ph.D., ABPP, **Addiction as an Attachment Disorder and Does Treatment Work?** a panel discussion with recovering women. For an informational brochure, please go to: http://www.med.unc.edu/obgyn/centers/unc-horizons-program/Horizons_Conf_Brochure2009.pdf.
- **Sixteenth Annual Schizophrenia Treatment and Evaluation Program (STEP) Symposium** will take place on April 4, 2009 at the William and Ida Friday Center at UNC. For an informational brochure, please go to: <http://www.med.unc.edu/psych/files/STEP%20Symposium%202009%20Brochure.pdf>.
- Partnerships for Inclusion is offering an intensive training session on promoting healthy social and emotional development in pre-school children entitled: **Promoting Healthy Social and Emotional Development in Preschool Children**. This training was developed from the evidence-based work of the National Center on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) this training teaches a framework that supports healthy social emotional development of young children. It will take place over a three-day period April 7, 2009, April 8, 2009 and May 20, 2009 in Ashville, NC. To learn more about this training opportunity or to register please go to: http://www.fpq.unc.edu/~pfi/pages/training_detail.cfm?ID=80.
- Brown University Distance Learning Program and Signal Behavioral Health Network are offering a credited, on-line course on **Tobacco Cessation Treatment: Best Practices**. This course will begin on May 4, 2009, and will run for 4 weeks. The required time commitment is two hours per week. For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.browndlp.org/tobaccoann.php>.
- The following trainings will take place at the Southern Regional Area Health Education Center, Gerald A. Strand CE Auditorium, 1601 Owen Drive, in Fayetteville, NC: **Latino Cultural Issues in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment** on April 8, 2009; **Ethics in Everyday Practice** on April 21, 2009; **Addressing the Needs of Students with Emotional Trauma: Bullying and Harassment; Neglect and Abuse** on May 1, 2009; **Changing Faces: Reducing Generational Poverty** on May 20, 2009; **Suicide in Adults and Children** on May 21, 2009; **Effects of Mental Health and Substance Abuse on HIV Population** on June 10; **Clinical Supervision: The Essentials of Treatment Planning** on June 12, 2009; **Cognitive Behavior Therapy: The Basics** on June 15, 2009, and **Shift Happens: An Overview of Motivational Interviewing** on June 24, 2009. For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.southernregionalahec.org/professionals/pdf/MHPFFeb-June09.pdf> Also taking place at the Southern Regional Area Health Education Center is **Survival Spanish for Health Care Professionals** on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.southernregionalahec.org/professionals/brochures.html>.
- NC Council of Community Programs presents: **Intensive In-Home Services** on April 16, 2009 and April 17, 2009 in Chapel Hill, NC; **Community Support Team** on April 8, 2009 and April 21, 2009 in Raleigh, NC; **Creating Safer Environments for Working with People with Disabilities** on April 21, 2009 in Raleigh, NC; and **Training for Residential Treatment Providers** on April 23, 2009 and April 24, 2009 in Raleigh, NC with **Business Side of Successful Residential Treatment** on May 6, 2009. For information brochures and to register, please go to: <http://www.nc-council.org/Members/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>.
- North Carolina Child Treatment Program (Pilot) provides 12 months of intensive training (free-of-charge!) to therapists who are interested in offering evidence-based mental health treatment to traumatized children and families, **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)** For more information, please go to: <http://ncctp.med.unc.edu/>
- The **Competitive Edge 2009: Excellence in Healthcare for a Diverse Community** will be held May 13, 2009 in Charlotte, North Carolina. For information and to register, please go to: http://www.charlotteahec.org/ce/program_schedule/details.cfm?EventID=24078

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Job Fairs: On March 26, 2009 at **Cumberland County Department of Social Services**, 1225 Ramsey St. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a job fair with over seventy companies represented. On April 15, 2009 at the **Fort Bragg Officer's Club** beginning at 9:00 a.m. there will be a job fair with 50 to 75 companies that do business on Fort Bragg and overseas, including defense contractors. For more information, call 396-7188.

To help millions of Americans deal with the stress created by the tough economic times, The Mental Health Association in North Carolina (MHA/NC) and Mental Health America are recommending strategies to help people feel better and protect their mental health.

- **Take a problem solving approach:** Sit down and list your problems and some possible solutions. Weigh pros and cons, and once you have some possible solutions, break them into manageable chunks. This process not only can produce concrete answers, but offers a sense of organization and control at a time that may feel chaotic and confusing.
- **Shift your thinking:** Review the skills and strengths that have helped you rise to challenges in the past. You can rely on those abilities again now. Try not to blame yourself for matters that may not have been in your control.
- **Get support:** You may feel like you don't want to worry your loved ones. But chances are they want to help. You can just enjoy each other's company or, if you're in a relationship, work with your partner to solve financial problems together instead of isolating yourself and struggling alone.
- **Focus on positive aspects of your life:** Sure you have worries, but you are likely to have a lot to be grateful for. Thinking about those positives—or writing them down—can boost your mood.
- **Take good care of yourself:** Exercising, eating right, getting enough sleep and taking time to relax are essential. You'll be able to cope better with stress and take care of those who depend on you if you find even a few minutes each day to refuel. Beware of turning to alcohol to relax. It may seem to offer a release but actually puts more stress on your body and can drag down your mood.
- **Watch for signs of excessive stress:** Be aware of irritability, difficulty concentrating, headaches, stomach pain and fatigue. You might also see if you've developed some unhealthy behaviors, like repeatedly checking the economic news that mostly feed your fears.
- **Get professional help if you need it:** Some people feel it's a sign of weakness to see a mental health professional, but it can be a sign of great strength to take the steps necessary to get your life back on track.

For more information or referrals to local services, visit MHA/NC online at <http://www.mha-nc.org/english/> or contact their Information & Referral Line at 800-897-7494 or callctr@mha-nc.org.

The Annual Spring Break Anger Management Group Therapy Session for boys 15 to 17 years old will take place April 13, 2009 through April 16, 2009, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please email hope-thru-horses@earthlink.net or call (910) 494-5888 to schedule an intake appointment.

Mental Health America announces the launch of **realLives**, a unique online community where mental health consumers can share their stories of living with mental health conditions. This is a one-of-a-kind anthology of original writings, artwork and poetry connecting people facing similar struggles and helps break the silence that shrouds mental illness in America. The site can be accessed at: <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/reallives/>

The 27th Annual Sertoma Deaf Camp— Summer Camp for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Youth will be held at the Sertoma 4-H Educational Center in Westfield, NC from June 21, 2009 through June 26, 2009. For more information, please go to: <http://www.campsertoma.org/>.

Fluent Language Solutions can be a resource for providers serving those who speak a different language. Their services include: telephone interpreting; on-site interpreting; and document translation. For more information, please go to: <http://www.fluentls.com/>, call Joe Johnson at 866-678-8686 (toll free) or 919-570-8686 in Wake Forest.



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5th Annual NAMIWalk for the Mind of America will take place on Saturday, May 02, 2009 at the Dorothea Dix Campus in Raleigh, NC. For more information, please log onto the NAMI Walks website at: www.nami.org/namiwalks/nc.

The Coalition's Advocacy Rally Day will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at The General Assembly in Raleigh NC. For more information on the event, please contact Erin McLaughlin at 919-981-0740 ext. 507 or emcloughlin@mha-nc.org.

Clinical Guidelines Series 2009 **Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD): Appropriate and Inappropriate Application of the Reactive Attachment Disorder Diagnosis on an Age Continuum from Birth through Age 18** is available on the Division website. Please go to: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/childandfamily/radguidelines2009.pdf>.

Army OneSource is a website offering information and resources for those in the Army, the National Guard, the Army Reserve, and their families. For more information, please go to: <http://aos.myarmylifetoo.com/skins/aos/home.aspx>.

Individuals may take Mental Health America's anonymous depression screening test at www.depressionscreening.org

Functional Family Therapy Online contains a clinical model for this evidence-based practice. To access the website, please go to: <http://www.fftinc.com/>.

The **Veterans Association (VA)** operates an around-the-clock **suicide-prevention hotline** that has received about 100,000 calls and has been credited with rescuing over 2,600 people since 2007. The number for VA's suicide prevention hotline is 1-800-273-TALK.

Together NC is a broad and diverse collection of non-profit organizations, service providers, and professional associations who have come together to promote wise choices for shared prosperity for all North Carolinians. For more information, please call Rob Thompson at (919) 649-2449 or Meg Gray at (919) 856-3192.

Action for Children North Carolina, formerly known as the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute (NCCAI) is a statewide, nonprofit organization devoted to improving the well-being of North Carolina's children and youth. Action for Children uses research, data collection, advocacy and education to influence the knowledge, attitudes and actions of a broad cross-section of people across the state. Major work focuses on health, safety, early care, education, economic security, child maltreatment and juvenile justice. For more information, please go to: <http://www.ncchild.org/action/content/view/1318/363/>.

Sorien Schmidt of Action for Children, Rob Thompson of the Covenant with North Carolina's children, and guest experts host the N.C. Child Advocate Weekly Conference Call on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. during the Legislative session. Dial 1-866-210-1669 and enter participant pass-code 7160625 to join. For more information, please go to: <http://www.ncchild.org/action/content/view/1322/314/>.

A new initiative called **I Am Moving, I Am Learning (IMIL)** aims to give Head Start enrollees moderate to vigorous exercise during classroom time through interactive CDs that teach about healthy foods, the benefits of exercise, and even sign language and Spanish instruction. For an article about the program in Fayetteville, please go to: <http://www.fayobserver.com/article?id=320923#video>; For a video about IMIL, please go to: http://www.choosykids.com/CK2/links/2008/10/imil_head_start_region_iii_vid_1.html; For a PowerPoint presentation about IMIL, please go to: <http://www.childcareresearch.org/discover/meetings/ccprc/2007/26/26DHeadStartObesityPrevention.pdf>; and for two downloadable booklets on nutrition and physical activity with the character Choosy, please go to: <http://www.choosykids.com/CK2/about/choosy/>.

If you or someone you know is in crisis now, seek help immediately. Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to reach a 24-hour crisis center.

A **System of Care** video from the North Carolina State University Family Centered-meetings Project demonstrates the essential elements in planning and conducting a successful process called a **Child and Family Team meeting**. This 37 minute DVD is written and acted out by workers in the Human Service fields in North Carolina counties. The video is divided into 7 scenes, which walk the viewer through examples of Preparation, Meeting dynamics, Family-Community-Agency collaboration, and Facilitator skills. To view the video, please go to: <http://www.cfface.org/soc/>

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The Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (a not for profit provider of behavioral health services in southern Arizona) has just launched a module on our web site that should be of significant benefit to anyone who is trying to find information about social services in any of the 50 states. From the bottom right side of our Home Page, www.cpsa-rbha.org there is a link to **National Information**, where an individual has direct access to 19 state specific sets of information for each state (plus DC). The 19 state specific links include: Mental Health Authority; NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness); Mental Health America; Protection and Advocacy; 2-1-1 Human and Emergency Services; Employment Services; Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Medicaid Authority; Housing Authority; Homeless Information; Food Bank Locator; Food Stamp Program; Resources for Individuals with Disabilities; Psychiatric Advance Directives; Suicide Prevention; Civil Commitment Statutes; National Council: Providers; National Council: State Association; Child Welfare Information; and Department of Education.

The **National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare** is collaborating with **Freedom From Fear** to promote **National Anxiety and Depression Awareness Week**, May 3-9, 2009. Register to be a part of the public education campaign. In order to receive a free promotional kit, you agree to promote and sponsor an event during the week. Free promotional kits include: **Stories of Hope and Courage**, a DVD featuring profiles of individuals who overcame the disability and shame of suffering from an anxiety disorder; **Pain of Depression, A Journey Through the Darkness**, a DVD which tells the stories of individuals who suffer from clinical depression; promotional posters and bookmarks. To learn more about National Anxiety and Depression Awareness Week and to take advantage of this offer to receive your free promotional kit, go to: http://www.freedomfromfear.org/viewtopic.asp?topic_id=263.

The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies is an interdisciplinary organization committed to the advancement of a scientific approach to the understanding and amelioration of problems of the human condition. For information and summaries of recent studies in the field of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, please go to: <http://aabt.org/dHome/>.

The **Justice Center** is North Carolina's leading private, nonprofit anti-poverty organization. Its mission is to reduce and eliminate poverty in North Carolina by helping to ensure that every North Carolina household gains access to the resources, services and fair treatment that it needs in order to enjoy economic security. The Justice Center is also home to a number of well-known specialized projects, including the **Budget and Tax Center**, the **Health Access Coalition**, the **Immigrants Legal Assistance Project**, the **Education and Law Project** and the **Consumer Action Network**. For more information, please go to: <http://www.ncjustice.org/>

NREPP (National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices) is a searchable database of interventions for the prevention and treatment of mental and substance use disorders. SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) has developed this resource to help people, agencies, and organizations implement programs and practices in their communities. To find out how to navigate this database, please go to: <http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/>

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released a new white paper focusing on the current state of knowledge about the interrelationship between substance abuse and suicide. Entitled **Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention: Evidence & Implications**, the document stresses substance abuse as a risk factor for suicide and suicide attempts and the importance of continued learning about this connection to help prevent suicidal behavior. To read this paper, please go to: <http://www.samhsa.gov/>

To read a copy of **The Origins of Addiction: - Evidence from the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study** by Vincent J. Felitti, MD, please go to: <http://www.acestudy.org/files/>

The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA) believes that vulnerable children should not grow up in isolation and without support. NACoA is the national organization working on behalf of children of alcohol and drug dependent parents. Their mission is to advocate for all children and families affected by alcoholism and other drug dependencies. For more information and to find out about the Celebrating Families Curriculum, please go to: <http://www.nacoa.org/>

Drug Addiction: A Chronically Relapsing Brain Disease, a three page article by David P. Friedman, PhD published in the NC Medical Journal is available at: <http://www.ncmedicaljournal.com/Jan-Feb-09/Friedman.pdf>

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A new website examines various indicators of substance use in North Carolina communities by collating various publicly available data sources. Data from the website can provide greater insight into how substance use affects your community/county. Use the data for: (1) planning the delivery of prevention and treatment services; (2) writing grant applications; (3) possibly measuring progress of interventions being implemented in your county. Go to: <http://substanceabuse.ssri.duke.edu/subabuse/index.html>.

Motivational Interviewing Assessment: Supervisory Tools for Enhancing Proficiency (MIA:STEP)

Findings from the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Clinical Trials Network protocol documented that one Motivational Interviewing (MI) assessment interview resulted in higher retention rates during the first four weeks of treatment when compared to assessments as usual. The MIA:STEP Blending Team designed empirically supported mentoring products to enhance the MI skills of treatment providers, as well as supervisory tools to fortify a supervisor's ability to provide structured, focused, and effective clinical supervision. To download information, curricula and demonstration interviews, please go to: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/blending/MIASSTEP.html>.

Co-Occurring Disorders Partnership website sponsored by CPD Hazelden: Co-occurring Disorders Program has information relating to treatment of individuals with mental illness and a co-occurring substance abuse disorder. Information on the website includes funding options; grants for jail diversion trauma recovery programs; recent news articles about co-occurring disorders; and new research and journal articles. For more information, please go to: <http://www.cooccurring.org/public/index.page>.

Automating Addiction Treatment: Envision a More Technologically Enabled Care System. This article focuses on the need to envision a more technologically enabled addiction treatment system in the year 2020. To read this article, please go to: <http://www.behavioral.net/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=&nm=&type=Publishing&mod=Publications%3A%3AArticle&mid=64D490AC6A7D4FE1AEB453627F1A4A32&tier=4&id=DCB88A6E450B41EF879F4704C9DDAC40>.

Comorbidity: Addiction and Other Mental Illnesses is a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Research Report. To download this report, please go to: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/PDF/RRComorbidity.pdf>.

Promoting Awareness of Motivational Incentives is a NIDA/SAMHSA Blending Initiative. For informational brochure, video presentation and other resources, please go to: <http://www.attcnetwork.org/explore/priorityareas/science/blendinginitiative/pami/>.

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Time to Act is a website specifically for helping parents with: How to tell if your teen is using and taking action to intervene. For helpful information, please go to: <http://timetoact.drugfree.org/>.

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) association representing 1,300 organizations providing treatment and rehabilitation to help people recover from mental illnesses and addiction disorders. <http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/> The National Council released three fact sheets on the American Recovery and Reimbursement Act: [Medicaid](#), [Health Information Technology](#), and [Other Key Provisions](#). The National Council recently created a [power point presentation](#) on the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. The presentation covers the 1996 Parity Law, the history of the 2008 Act and the main points of the Act. To access these and other recently released information, please go to: http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/latest_issue#Recently.

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Items for the *Providers' Times* should be received by Rose Ann Bryda, rbryda@mail.ccmentalhealth.org on or before the 30th of each month for the next month's newsletter. Submission guidelines for the Newsletter may be found on the CCMHC website: <http://www.ccmentalhealth.org/>