

You may not know...



- ◆ 1 in 5 families are directly affected by mental illness.
- ◆ 1 in 100 people will develop schizophrenia in their lifetime.
- ◆ The average age of onset of mental illness is 18 - 34.
- ◆ 5% - 9% of children ages 5 - 17 are affected by mental illness.
- ◆ Approximately 90% of adults with severe mental illness (2.5 million) are unemployed.
- ◆ Nearly 4 million individuals with a mental illness lack health insurance.
- ◆ 1 in 20 affected by mental illness are homeless. 1/3 of the homeless population has a mental illness.
- ◆ With the right treatment, 95% - 98% of homeless people with mental illness could live within the community.
- ◆ Between 25% - 40% of all Americans with mental illness will at some point pass through the criminal justice system.
- ◆ The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than 100 billion dollars each year in the United States.
- ◆ With the right treatment, 70 - 90% of individuals affected with mental illness significantly improve their quality of life.

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Who we are and What we do:

Peer Education and Support

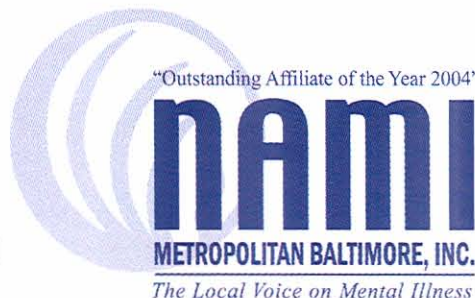
- The Family-to-Family Education Program
- Peer run Support Groups for families and for recipients of mental health services
- Peer-to-Peer Recovery Education Program
- NAMI Connections
- Phone Advocacy: Our "Help Line"

Educating the Community: Health Providers, Police, Educators, Media and the General Public

- Public Informational Meetings
- In Our Own Voice - Living with Mental Illness
- Family member and "consumer" speakers

Grassroot Advocacy

- Research and Systems Change
- Criminal Justice System Improvements
- Anti-Stigma Response
- Educating Officials to Effect Change



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