

**Preliminary Program**  
**NAMI Tennessee 2008 Convention**

September 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

**Hilton Memphis**  
**939 Ridge Lake Blvd.**  
**Memphis, TN 38120**

**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm**      **Treasurers' Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**      **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting**  
**8:00 pm**      **Entertainment: "Play Back Memphis" Our Own Voice theater**

**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 am**      **Registration Opens**  
**9:00 am**      **Opening Session and Greetings from Elected Officials**  
**10:00 am**      **Plenary: Evidence-based practice, what is it and why is it important?**  
Judith Cook, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago

**10:45 am**      **Break**

**11:00 am**      **Integrated behavioral/primary care: The mind-body connection**  
Dr. Karl Wilson, CEO, the Crider Center

**12:00 pm**      **Lunch (on your own)**

**1:15 pm**      **Breakout Sessions**

Session 1:      Integrated Primary and Behavioral Health in TennCare  
Lea Haynie, AmeriChoice; Heather Baroni, Amerigroup,  
Ron Wigley, Volunteer State Health Plan

Session 2:      Evidence based practice: PACT, Integrated mental health and substance abuse care,  
Supported Employment, Dan King and Jessica Gressime, Mental Health Coop; Candace  
Allen, Helen Ross McNabb Center

Session 3:      Shaken Not Stirred: A Sobering View of Mental Health Services for the  
Deaf Community - Thom Roberts, TN Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Session 4:      NAMI Veterans Council Charging Forward: Needs of veterans and military families  
Kenny Allred, Carol Roy, Carl Groendes, NAMI Veterans Council  
Susan Pease, Centerstone

**2:30 pm**      **Break**

**2:45 pm**      **Breakout Sessions**

Session 1:      Ask the Doctors  
Drs. Hal Brunt, Dan Boyd and Eric Smith

Session 2:      Evidence based and promising practices:  
Illness Management and Recovery: Cheré Bradshaw, Creating Homes Initiative  
Certified Peer Specialists, Pam Fox, AmeriChoice

Session 3:      Model Mental Health Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Steven Hamerdinger, AL Dept. of Mental Health; Joseph Murray, LMHC, National Deaf  
Academy

Session 4:      Evidence Based Practice with Children and Families  
Dr. James T. Johnson, Paul Schwarz Center

**4:15 pm**      **Annual Meeting of the Members**  
**7:00 pm**      **Annual Banquet**  
**8:30 pm**      **Entertainment:** Joyce Cobb, Beale Street Saturday Night: History of Memphis Blues

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30**            **Opening Session**

**9:30**            **Plenary Session: Mental health needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing.**  
Steven Hamerdinger, AL Dept of Mental Health

**10:45 am**      **Break**

**11:00**            **Breakout sessions**

Session 1:      Health Care for your Mind and Body:  
Dr. Febe Wallace, Cherokee Health Systems; Christi Granstaff, TN Primary Care Association

Session 2:      TN MAP: Evidence based approach to psychiatric medication  
Dr. Doug King, Western Mental Health Institute; Kathy Strahan, RN, Professional Care Services

Session 3:      Emotional Fitness Centers: Faith based care for mind, body and spirit  
Rev. Dianne Young  
NAMI Multicultural Outreach Initiatives - Dr. Carolyn Bryant, Simi Cherepanov, Maya Smith

Session 4:      Team Up for Your Child: How to work smarter with doctors, schools, insurers and agencies - Wendy Lowe Besmann, Melton Hill Media and NAMI Knoxville

**12:15**            **Closing**

**Exhibit Hall Hours**

Friday            9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Saturday        8:30 am – 11:00 pm

**Hospitality Suite**

Thursday        7:00 am – 10:00 pm  
Friday            8:30 am – 10:00 pm  
Saturday        8:00 am – 11:00 am

## LEARNING TRACKS

### **Learning Track: Evidence-based practice, what is it and why is it important?**

**Plenary:** Dr. Judith Cook, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Breakout:** TN MAP, Evidence based mental health practice for children  
Western Mental Health Institute and Professional Care Services

**Breakout:** PACT, Integrated mental health and substance abuse care, Supported Employment  
Mental Health Coop,  
Helen Ross McNabb Center

**Breakout:** Emotional Fitness Centers, Certified Peer Specialists, Illness Management and Recovery  
Rev. Diane Young, The Healing Center, Memphis  
Pam Fox, AmeriChoice

### **Learning Track: Integrated behavioral/primary care: The mind-body connection**

**Plenary:** Dr. Karl Wilson, CEO, the Crider Center

Introduction to integrated behavioral/primary care for consumers, families and others:

**Breakout:** Cherokee Health Systems; TN Primary Care Association: a successful Tennessee model

**Breakout:** TennCare Integrated Managed Care Panel:

What changes in service can we expect with the TennCare integrated service contract?  
AmeriChoice (United Health),  
Volunteer State Health Plan (Value Options)  
Amerigroup

### **Learning Track: Mental health needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing.**

**Plenary:** Dr. Steven Hamerdinger, AL Dept of Mental Health

**Breakout:** Models of Mental Health Care for Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Frontier Health  
National Deaf Academy

**Breakout:** Shaken Not Stirred: A Sobering View of Mental Health Services for the Deaf Community  
Thom Roberts, TN Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

### **Other proposed workshops:**

**Breakout:** Ask the Doctors

**Breakout:** Busting Stigma through NAMI Community Education Programs

**Breakout:** Estate Planning for families affected by mental illness

**Breakout:** Mental Health Needs of Veterans and Children of Military Families

**Banquet Entertainment:** Joyce Cobb, Beale Street Saturday Night: a history of Memphis Blues.

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