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THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION'S OMNA ON TOUR

Presents

Diverse Youth in Transition: Navigating a Difficult Passage



Saturday, September 26, 2009 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Swedish Medical Center, First Hill Campus, Glaser Auditorium
747 Broadway, Seattle, Washington



(Networking Reception:
Friday, September 25, 2009 • 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.)



Young people from all backgrounds, cultures, and orientations face a large number of challenges as they transition from childhood to adulthood. This time of life is particularly trying for youth with mental illness. This event is an awareness raising and solutions-oriented program that will explore a myriad of obstacles that Washington State youth with mental illness may encounter as they move through the state's mental health system. The program focuses on fostering and improving collaboration among and between educational, judicial, substance abuse treatment, case management, housing, and mental health care provider systems. Featured topics include best practices, case studies, unique needs of diverse youth, violence, suicide and more!

OMNA on Tour is a traveling conference designed to inform communities around the nation about the significance of disparities in mental health care among diverse and underserved populations and to encourage collaborative action among those who can invoke change.

Who should attend?

Psychiatrists and all other treatment providers • community mental health staff • staff in other allied components of the youth and young adult system of care, including juvenile justice and adult criminal justice • educators involved with transition age youth • social service personnel • those involved with treating substance use issues, homelessness and domestic violence • primary care physicians • youth and young adults who have experienced mental health and related difficulties • other at risk youth • parents/guardians • faith community members •



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those affiliated with community-based organizations, advocacy groups, legislators • and anyone else who has an interest in mental health

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to :

1. Identify other stakeholders that they can collaborate with to produce better mental health outcomes for youth in their local area.
2. Identify the problems and solutions that occur as youth and young adults with mental health issues and related problems transition through the system of care from childhood to adulthood.
3. Explore the impact of mental health disparities and the issues that diverse populations face when they transition through the mental health system from childhood to adulthood.

To register, go to <http://www.psych.org/omnaontour/> or email your name and contact information to omnaontourseattle@psych.org.

For information, contact Alison Bondurant at 703-907-8639 or visit <http://www.psych.org/resources/omna/omnafiles/seattlesavethedate.aspx> for updates.

This program is being offered in collaboration with the King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division and the Washington State Psychiatric Association

