



February Mental Health Quarterly Conference



PREVENTING TEEN SUICIDE: CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY
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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP) – ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Overview:

“American Academy of Pediatrics – Orange County Chapter provides evidence-based recommendations for child health to pediatricians, parents, professionals, and public-policy makers. At AAP-OC, we work tirelessly to promote optimal health for Orange County’s children by promoting pediatric excellence through education of our pediatric care providers, our numerous initiatives, and advocacy on the state and local level. Initiatives promoted by AAP-OC include: Reach Out & Read, No Child Hungry, Developmental Screenings, Injury & Violence Prevention, School Health, and Mental Health.”

For more information on how you can partner with AAP-OC, please call or email the organization per contact information listed below.

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NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

Overview:

“NAMI Orange County is a volunteer based non-profit organization and is the leading self-help organization in the county for families and friends of those suffering from serious mental disorders. Founded in 1980, NAMI Orange County offers family support groups, advocates for legislation, supports research efforts, and works to educate the public to reduce stigma. NAMI Orange County, affiliated with NAMI California and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), receives its funding from its membership and from the community, but provides services free to the public. The mission of NAMI Orange County is to provide emotional support, education, and resources for families, and those affected by mental illness. In collaboration with the entire community, NAMI advocates for a life of quality and dignity, one without discrimination, for all those persons affected by this illness.”

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CRISIS ASSESSMENT TEAM (CAT TEAM)/ PERT PROGRAM

Overview:

“As operated by the Orange County Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services, the Crisis Assessment and Psychiatric Emergency Response teams provide around-the-clock mobile field services to individuals in behavioral health crises.

The **Crisis Assessment Team (CAT)** provides 24-hour mobile response services to any adult experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Staff members receive calls to provide crisis intervention individuals living with mental health issues from law enforcement officers in the field, social services agencies, and concerned family members. CAT conducts risk assessments, initiates involuntary hospitalizations when necessary, provides resources and linkage, and conducts follow-up contacts for individuals assessed.

Staff members on our **Psychiatric Emergency and Response Team (PERT)** are mental health clinicians who ride along with assigned law enforcement officers to address mental health related calls in the assigned city. PERT conducts risk assessments, initiates involuntary hospitalizations when necessary, and provides resources and education. The program also provides outreach and follow-up services to ensure linkage to ongoing services.”

Contact Information:

Website: www.ochealthinfo.com/CATPERT

Phone Number: (866) 830-6011

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 365 days a year

OC LINKS

Overview:

“As operated by the Orange County Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services, the OC Links Information and Referral Line provides telephone and online support for anyone seeking information or linkage to any of the Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Services. These services include children and adult mental health, alcohol and drug inpatient and outpatient, crisis programs, and prevention and early intervention services. Callers can be potential participants, family members, friends or anyone seeking out resources, or providers seeking information about Behavioral Health programs and services. Trained Navigators provide information, referral, and linkage directly to programs that meet the needs of callers.

If you would like to learn more about services available through Behavioral Health Services, please call (855) OC-LINKS between the hours of 8 am - 6 pm to be connected to a Behavioral Health Navigator, or click on the OC Links Chat icon during open chat hours. TDD Number: 714-834-2332.”

Contact Information:

Website: www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/pi/oclinks/

Phone Number: (855) OC-Links (855) 625-4657

WESTERN YOUTH SERVICES

Overview:

“The Mission of Western Youth Services is Advancing awareness, cultivating success and strengthening communities through integrated mental health services for children, youth and families.

- **Advancing awareness** – WYS is the leading expert in mental health and wellness solutions in Orange County. Because our expert team of mental health professionals specializes in working with youth and families, we help the community cut through the stigma preventing at-risk kids from getting the emotional and mental healthcare they deserve. Plus, we’re the partner government agencies, school districts and other youth-serving organizations trust. Together, we’re fostering a generation of youth able to create and lead successful lives.
- **Cultivating success** – We’ve redefined mental health services in Orange County to match the right program to suit every child, every family. We have proven, positive results to show the success of our programs – just look to our clients as evidence. After working with us, they emerge as stronger families and happier youth with the skills needed to thrive.
- **Strengthening communities** – We work throughout the community and with youth-serving organizations that help children face their behavioral and emotional issues. Our integrated system ensures all youth in Orange County have access to preventative, early intervention and intensive therapies. We seek out and build upon the strengths of each client and bring out the best in every child, creating healthier and happier families contributing to their communities.”

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WITH HOPE FOUNDATION – THE AMBER CRAIG MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Overview:

“With Hope, the Amber Craig Memorial Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization dedicated to suicide prevention through improving mental health awareness and education in our schools and throughout our community. We have pledged to make available, speakers, materials, resources, support services, at no cost to schools and throughout communities.”

Contact Information:

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Address: P.O. Box 550, Placentia, CA 92871

PROJECT VIETNAM FOUNDATION

Overview:

“Project Vietnam Foundation has its roots in the International Medical Assistance Program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), which started providing assistance to Vietnam in 1996. As the program grew over the years, AAP member Dr. Quynh Kieu realized a dedicated organization was needed in order to meet demand for services. Project Vietnam Foundation was established in August 2007 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Project Vietnam Foundation is a nonprofit humanitarian organization working to create sustainable pediatric healthcare in Vietnam through training for health personnel, while providing health assistance to impoverished rural areas across the country. Project Vietnam also offers programs benefiting our volunteers and Vietnamese-American communities in the U.S. by completing a series of Mental health trainings for Vietnamese parents.”

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ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Overview:

“The aim of the Orange County K-12 Student Mental Health Initiative is to reduce barriers to learning. The initiative takes a prevention and early identification approach to student mental health. The approach is to promote resilience, positive mental wellness, reduce mental health problems, and address the social and emotional needs of youth. The OCDE Initiative Goals include: to Enhance Cross-System Communication, to Promote the K-12 Student Mental Health Online Clearinghouse, to Provide Professional Development Trainings, and to Provide Technical Assistance and support to build school districts’ capacity to implement school staff training.”

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SADDLEBACK CHURCH

Overview:

“The purpose of the Mental Health Ministry: Hope for Mental Health is to reduce the stigma of mental illness and help those who are effected by the illness and their families. The commitment of Saddleback Church to people living with mental illness greatly increased on April 5, 2013 when Pastor Rick and Kay’s youngest son, Matthew, took his life after a lifelong struggle with mental illness. In the midst of the devastating loss of Matthew, Pastor Rick and Kay along with the Saddleback community, have united together to journey alongside people living with mental illness and their families in a holistic way. Saddleback Church offers a variety of support groups, from Autism Spectrum Disorder Support, Families and Friends to those with Mental illness, to Depression/Bring back the Hope, and many more.”

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