



## Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.

The Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. (MHANYS) is hosting a series of community forums to discuss regional needs for the following:

- Suicide Prevention Services - *encourage public education and awareness and awareness on suicide prevention and intervention skills for their communities*
- Suicide Postvention Services - *educate and assist communities in learning about the importance of suicide postvention efforts after an adult community member or youth dies by suicide*
- Suicide Capacity Building Services – *provide trainings and building/strengthening unified but diverse local coalitions.*

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) will soon make funds available through its Suicide Prevention Initiative via a proposal process. The community forums provide a venue for members of each region to voice what they believe are services needed in their region. In addition to discussion about regional needs, a Q&A session will be held regarding possible programming ideas for the funding that will be made available by OMH.

Consider attending and provide information about what is or is not currently available in your community and thoughts on prevention, intervention, postvention, and capacity building services in your region.

**3/16/11; 2-4pm**

**Elmira**

Steel Memorial Library

101 E. Church

Elmira, NY 14901

[Pat.Breux@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Pat.Breux@omh.ny.gov)

**3/24/11; 10 – 12 noon**

**Erie County Community**

**College/Spring Recess**

City Campus: Auditorium/Parking in  
Student lot

121 Ellicott St.

Buffalo, NY 14203.

[Lynda.Battaglia@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Lynda.Battaglia@omh.ny.gov)

**3/25/11; 2-4pm**

Capital District DDSO/ Bldg3 Room 5

Balltown Rd & Consoul Rd.

Schenectady, NY 12304

[Melanie.Puerto@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Melanie.Puerto@omh.ny.gov)

**3/28/11; 2 – 4 pm**

North Country

Clinton County Government Building

133 Margaret Street

Plattsburgh, NY 1209

[Sam.Catroppa@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Sam.Catroppa@omh.ny.gov)

**3/30/11; 10 – 12 noon**

Syracuse

Library at Hutchings Psychiatric Center

Education Training Building Room 116

545 Cedar Street

Syracuse, NY 13219

[Mary.Rathbun@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Mary.Rathbun@omh.ny.gov)

**4/4/11; 2 – 4 pm**

Westchester

MHA Westchester

580 White Plains Road Rt. 119

Tarrytown, NY 10591

[Melanie.Puerto@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Melanie.Puerto@omh.ny.gov)

**4/5/11; 1 – 4 pm**

New York City Field Office

Conference Room A

330 Fifth Avenue – 9th Floor

New York, NY 10001-3101

[Silvia.Giliotti@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Silvia.Giliotti@omh.ny.gov)

**4/6/11; 1 – 3 pm**

Nassau County

Mental Health Association of Nassau

County

16 Main Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

[Silvia.Giliotti@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Silvia.Giliotti@omh.ny.gov)

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