



SAVE the DATE!
Saturday, April 25, 2009
9 am - Noon
NAMI Orange County's 2nd
VETERANS FRONT LINE® CONFERENCE
held at Kaiser Permanente's Sand Canyon Hospital, Irvine

Why hold "FRONT LINE" Conferences?

Read the statistics and it will be painfully clear why we need to reach out and help!

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Untreated Vets: A "Gathering Storm" of PTSD / Depression

Reports of 1 in 5 military service members returning from Iraq or Afghanistan with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or depression and rising suicide rates have led researchers and military leaders to warn civilian psychiatric care providers of a "gathering storm" headed their way.

A RAND Corporation study released in April 2008 found that 300,000 individuals—18.5% of US service members who have returned from Afghanistan and Iraq—report current symptoms of PTSD and/or depression. Since October 2001, about 1.6 million US troops have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Of those with PTSD/depression, most will not be treated within the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) systems, Thomas Insel, MD, director of NIMH, told the press at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

What are "FRONT LINE" Conferences?

The Front Line Collaborative consists of NAMI Orange County, the OC Mental Health Department, local Veterans Service Organizations, VA Hospitals, Vet Centers, and the Faith Community in Orange County. FRONT LINE® Conferences are an outreach endeavor to provide information, resources, support and education to our community of Veterans, family members and their loved ones. These quarterly conferences are designed not only for those who need assistance, but also include information and resources for those who serve the community, such as a pastor or police officer. These are the providers and care givers who are often the first contact a distressed Veteran or family member may seek or encounter. Since they are the ones on the "Front Line," for the Veteran / Family, these providers will also need to be prepared. Becoming armed with new information and understanding about the unique challenges Veterans and their families are facing, and knowing the resources available to them, this "Front Line" of community caregivers will be better equipped to serve those who have served us.

Conference Topics:

PTSD, TBI, Depression, Suicide

Orange County's Community Court presentation on special court for Veterans
Veteran and Family Member share their story

Presentation on Resources / Benefits for Veterans and their families

Table Displays hosted by individual community service providers with additional resource information

If you are interested in attending the conference, please **register online at www.namioc.org**

More information, contact: nlonky@namioc.org or call: 714-544-8488

Know a Veteran or Veteran's family who may benefit by attending this conference?

Please pass this information on to them as well. FRONT LINE® Conferences are FREE to the community!