

WHY WE CARE:

The Interfaith Mental Health Coalition (IMHC) of Greater Indianapolis recognizes:

- One in five adults will experience a diagnosable mental health disorder in any given year.
- Fifty percent of youth have considered suicide by age fifteen; seventy-five percent by age twenty-four.
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among Indiana youth ages 15 - 24.
- Untreated mental illnesses can lead to domestic violence, joblessness, school failure, homelessness, addictions, incarceration & suicide.
- People in distress often turn first to clergy and faith community for support.
- Many clergy want to learn to recognize, help and refer people with serious mental illnesses and addiction issues.

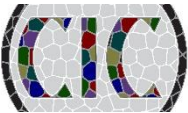
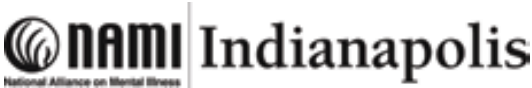


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IMHC PARTNERS:

Our partnerships are essential in building trust with the diverse faith traditions of Central Indiana. Please contact us if your community is interested in a partnership agreement with the IMHC.



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Connecting Faith Leaders and Service Providers to Improve Mental Health Education & Resources



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2017 COALITION MEETINGS:

THIRD WEDNESDAY each MONTH

Third Wednesdays 12:00 - 1:30 (Lunch available at 11:50)

Indiana Interchurch Center, 1100 W 42nd St.

Please RSVP one week prior via
www.centerforinterfaithcooperation.org/IMHC

Suggested contribution: \$10

Aug 16 – Mental Health in the Context of Various Cultural and Religious Traditions

Father Michael Hoyt will moderate a panel of religious leaders reflecting on the realities of mental health in their religious and cultural traditions.

Sept 20 – Domestic Violence

Mary Margaret Sweeney of the Domestic Violence Network will present on the dynamics of abusive relationships, how to help victims, and how to identify the warning signs of abuse.

(October's third Wednesday luncheon will be replaced by a two-day conference, October 26 & 27.
Limited space; register early.)

Oct 26 & 27* – Faith & Mental Health Conference

Thursday, October 26, 2017
African American Clergy Mental Health Symposium

Keynote: **Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas**
Morning Workshop: **Rev. Dr. Christina Davis**
*What to Look for and What to Do:
Responding to Mental Illness*
Afternoon: **Rev. Dr. Cherry Smith**

Friday, October 27, 2017
Addiction, Spirituality and Recovery

Keynote: **Dean Babcock**, LCSW, LCAC, Assoc. V.P.
Eskenazi Health, Midtown Community Mental Health
Creating Informed, Supportive Congregations
Ray Lay, NAMI Peer support Specialist Recovery Story
Afternoon: **Ben Evans** - Dir. of External Agency Affairs,
Indiana Dept. of FSSA
Best-Practice Support Models;
Provider Exhibits & Treatment Resources

Registration details in September - www.cts.edu



OUR MISSION:

The IMHC is a collaboration between religious leaders, mental health care providers, community service organizations and government agencies to:

- educate faith community leaders about mental and emotional illnesses and the role of faith in recovery
- provide faith communities with relevant referral information to mental health and community support services
- advocate at the personal and legislative levels for better mental health services
- break the silence about mental illnesses and replace stigma with informed, supportive care

IMHC STEERING COMMITTEE:

Jim Dilger - Pres. NAMI Indianapolis, Eskenazi Health
Michael Dunn - Families First
Fr. Michael Hoyt - St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Laurie Gerdt – Zero Suicide Grant Manager, Community Health Network
Rev. Dr. Cherry Smith - Umoja Christian Church
Rev. Chiew Teo - Community Health Network - Faith Health Initiative, IRSC AmeriCorps
Dr. Arman Sidiqqi – Adult & Child Behavioral Health
Charlie Wiles - Center for Interfaith Cooperation
Carole Wills - NAMI FaithNet
Ben Leslie - CIC Program Director, AmeriCorps
Tendayi Bwititi - CIC, IRSC AmeriCorps