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Employee Assistance Professionals Association - Chesapeake Chapter

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Chesapeake Current

Upcoming Events from National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

CALM (Counseling on

Access to Lethal Means)
Train the Trainer Workshop will be held mid April 2012. This training focuses on engaging mental health professionals in this effective component of an overall suicide prevention effort.

Six CEU's for the 6 hour training. \$150/person includes all materials to hold workshops in your community and lunch will be provided.

If interested please call Tamara Van Newkirk @ 410.531.6006 or tamara@grassrootscrisis.org

NAMI Walks!

Veteran's Plaza
Silver Spring, MD
May 6
Inner Harbor
Baltimore, MD
May 19

For more info email info@namimd.org
Phone: 410-884-8691
www.namimd.org

2012 Tuerk Conference

Interventions

Family, Medical, Legal and Gambling

The Tuerk Conference is the largest, one day addiction treatment conference on the East Coast, featuring nationally renowned speakers presenting on the latest research, trends and best practices in the areas of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery.

Each year the conference draws over 1,000 human service professionals from the Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New Jersey regions. The Tuerk Conference typically draws professionals from the fields of addiction, mental health, social work, EAP and medical professions.

Register online @ www.ncaddmaryland.org

World EAPA Conference Comes to Baltimore Monthly Update— By: Amanda Rutkowski

Planning for the 2012 EAPA World Conference in Baltimore is now in full swing! Each month the host committee members will meet via conference call to discuss planning updates. In late January the committee, along with Jan Price from EAPA met for an initial meeting. The conversation focused on reviewing the Host Committee Handbook, sponsorship and entertainment options.

The current focus of the committee, and EAPA members worldwide, is to fill the exhibit hall and identify sponsors for the conference.

If you know of any organization that would like to participate please contact. Tim Dunnigan (tdunnigan@fmashley.com) or Bob Sears (rsears@crchealth.com). The Grand Opening of the exhibit hall will be Wednesday, October 17

in the evening. The group also discussed options for the Saturday evening banquet. Several different recommendations were made that would showcase our beautiful charm city. The Fun Run/Walk, around the Inner Harbor, was also discussed.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the conference planning please contact Jim O'Hair, Host Committee Chair at james.ohair@ngc.com



NASW EAPrefer Services: Good or Bad? Learn More

NASW is offering a service called EAPrefer, which they describe as “a revolutionary new program connecting Employee Assistance Professionals with Network Providers who need them.” However, EAPrefer materials infer clearly that a social work degree and license, along with appropriate professional liability insurance, qualifies a clinician to be considered and promoted as an “employee assistance professional.”

Many EAPA members have expressed concern regarding this new development. The EAPA board and EACC have tried to reach out to NASW to attempt to develop a cooperative approach that accomplishes their goals, but also respects the importance and distinctiveness of the employee assistance body of knowledge and the CEAP credential.

To better understand EAPA's concerns please go to the following websites:

<http://www.eapassn.org/files/public/EAPreferLetter.pdf>

Also to contact NASW view and download the template here:

<http://www.eapassn.org/files/public/template.doc>

Upcoming EAPA-Chesapeake Meetings

- March 1— Tele-Health
- April— NO EAPA— Chesapeake Chapter Meeting— Tuerk Conference April 17th
- May 3— TBA

If you have ideas about topics for upcoming meetings please email EAPAMD01@eapa-chesapeake.org