

Local Activities in SW Michigan

1. 2010 Mental Health Awareness Festival in May. Depending on weather either at the original Kalamazoo Bronson Park venue or in the Radisson's Ballroom during the afternoon on May 14, 2010. The event was sponsored and very well coordinated by members of Power Branch including Pat Kaufmann. NAMI of Kalamazoo donated \$400 toward the expenses of this year's festival.
2. Special Needs Trust Presentation by attorney, Amy R. Tripp, with Chalgian and Tripp Law Offices from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on June 15, 2010. Call Ms. Renate Shiver, Family Support KCMHSAS, at 553-7096 for information.
3. Family Support Network Potluck. A quarterly informal social evening for families to share a meal and their experiences with each other. Just bring a dish to share. On Friday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on: June 18, 2010, September 17, 2010 and December 17, 2010. Call Ms. Renate Shiver, Family Support KCMHSAS, at 553-7096 for information.
4. Summerfest at KPH in July. The annual Summerfest fair for 2010 will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 11AM till 3PM on the front lawn of the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital on Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo. For more information call Ms. Deanna Bush at 269-337-3208.
5. NAMI of Kalamazoo Annual Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at the Milham Park Pavilion on Kilgore Road in Kalamazoo. Begins at 5:00 PM; for consumers, families, and friends. NAMI will furnish brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and some salads. Friends and family- please bring a dish to pass for 6 people.
6. Family Support Classes at KCMHSAS. The Fall FIA program starts Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Call Ms. Renate Shiver, Family Support KCMHSAS, at 553-7096 for information and registration for the next "Families in Action" class. Family Support also teaches several other mental health classes during the year. All classes are no cost to participants. This Fall FIA program starts Tuesday, September 14, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 in Conference Room A at 418 W. Kalamazoo Ave.
7. NAMI WALKS in September. A major upcoming statewide fund event for NAMI Michigan is the NAMI Walks scheduled for this fall on Saturday, September 25 at the Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus.