

31ST ANNUAL PUBLIC SECTOR PSYCHIATRY CONFERENCE

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
8:00am—4:30pm

University Campus, Amphitheatre III
55 Lake Avenue North
Worcester, MA 01655

Families' Roles in Mental Illness: Responses & Resilience in Rehabilitation & Recovery

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CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION:

This conference provides the learner information about the best ways to address the needs of families when one or more members has a serious or persistent mental illness, the benefits of successfully using evidence-based interventions to do so, and the human cost of failing to do so. The conference will examine how to assist parents with serious or persistent mental illness remain effective, custodial parents, how to mobilize family and other natural supports to maintain a mentally ill individual in a community setting. How to engage family members as allies and mitigate the risks of them becoming adversaries and how to help families deal with the pain of having a member with a mental illness. Learners of the conference will hear from professionals who deliver services and from two women whose mothers had serious, persistent mental illness; one who committed suicide. There's no better education than learning from the provider and the receiver of services.

OVERALL CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:

- State how mentally ill parents and mentally ill children impact family process.
- Use the intervention described by speaker in their work with families of persons with serious or persistent mental illness.
- Gain awareness of the long-term impact of having a mentally ill parent or child within the family unit.

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