# Each Mind Matters Skills Building: Mental Health and Stigma Reduction February 7, 2017









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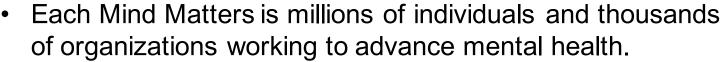
#### X Today's Objectives



- Explore core concepts of mental health/wellness, mental illness, and stigma and discrimination reduction.
- 2. Overview of Each Mind
  Matters tools, resources and
  opportunities available for
  stigma and discrimination
  within diverse communities.
- 3. Discuss concrete strategies (e.g., telling your story or helping a friend) for getting involved in California's Mental Health Movement

#### **&** Each Mind Matters







 Created to unite all of us who share a vision of improved mental health and equality.







#### Fact: 43.8 million adults experience mental illness in a given year.



1 in 5 adults in America experience a mental illness.



Nearly 1 in 25 (10 million) adults in America live with a serious mental illness.



One-half of all chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14; three-quarters by the age of 24.

Source: http://www.nami.org/NAMI/media/NAMI-Media/Infographics/GeneralMHFacts.pdf

#### X The Effects of Stigma: Why Eliminating It Matters

Serious mental illness costs America \$193 billion in lost earnings each year.



NAMI, Mental Illness Facts and Figures

#### What We Know...

Over 50% of students (age 14 and older) with a mental health condition, who are served by special education, drop out.



NAMI, Mental Illness Facts and Figures

In California, it's estimated that one person dies by suicide every two hours.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

#### RAND California Well-Being Survey Results

90%

of Californians living with psychological distress report some measure of discrimination

69%

of Californians would definitely or probably hide a mental health problem from coworkers or classmates "Those experiencing PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

may find it more difficult to secure a job, rent a home or form close relationships."

US Department of Health and Human Services.

Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General. 1999

of those surveyed had been touched by CalMHSA



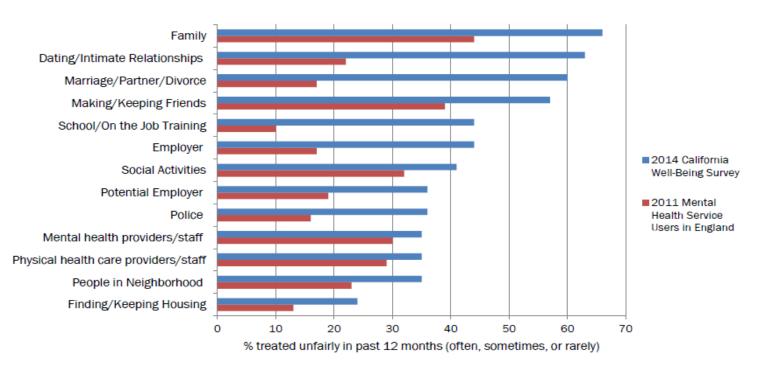


CalMHSA is on target to reach 9 IN 10 Californians most at risk for mental health concerns



#### X Who Discriminates Against Individuals With Mental Illness?

#### Discrimination



## R How do you STOP stigma?

- Local, continuous contact with a credible person that shares their story of recovery is the gold standard for long-term change.
- Depending upon the target audience, contact may need to be preceded by education.
- Use of social media may both facilitate discussions about mental health online and encourage linkage to external resources.



#### X What kind of conversations help?

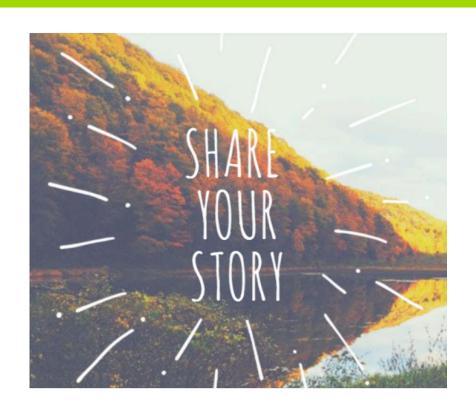
Conversations that include:

educational components, narrative, and testimonial created the biggest impact.

#### The most effective conversations:

- Improve mental health literacy
- Increase the ability to recognize and respond appropriately respond to distress
- Increase belief in the efficacy of treatment
- Use stories

## R Telling your lime green story



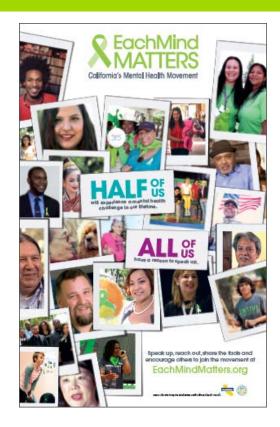
- Share a fact (Education)
- Tell your story (Narrative)
- Provide hope (Testimonial)



**Each Mind Matters** Resources for Stigma and Discrimination Reduction

#### **R** Each Mind Matters Materials

- Toolkits and guides for event planning, social media and more
- Print ads (English, Spanish)
- TV and radio spots (English, Hmong, Spanish)
- Outdoor ads (English)
- Online ads (English, Spanish)
- Videos (Chinese, English, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Spanish and captioned for hearing impaired)
- Fact sheets and training materials (Arabic, Armenian, Cambodian, Chinese, English, Hmong, Iu Mien, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese)
- Outreach materials: posters, take-ones, fliers, brochures and resource cards (English and Spanish)
- Wearable outreach materials: t-shirts, ribbons,
- Evaluation and campaign reports



#### Suicide Prevention

Statewide suicide prevention social marketing campaign with the overarching goal to increase Californians' capacity to prevent suicide by encouraging individuals to know the signs, find the words to talk to someone they are concerned about, and to reach out to resources.

suicide**is**preventable.org elsuicidio**es**prevenible.org



#### Awareness Raising Toolkits

 Range of resources from event planning guides, posters, guides on engagement through social media, and suggestions for activities to get your community involved

Available in print and electronically on the Each

Ribbon-Wall Activity

Mind Matters website.

## Mental Health Matters Month

May (California)

# **Suicide Prevention Awareness Toolkit**

First full week in September (National)

#### Mental Health Awareness Week

First full week in October (National)

#### Each Mind Matters Materials

#### TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Each Mind Matters, in partnership with Philosophy, released a public service announcement (PSA) featuring celebrities and influential mental health advocates that spurred growth for the movement and gained notable recognition by outlets such as the Huffington Post and Yahoo! News. A toolkit was produced to encourage counties and community-based organizations (CBOs) to celebrate May is Mental Health Matters Month locally. In addition, an op-ed piece about the results of the RAND report was featured in the Sacramento Bee and a press release circulated statewide.



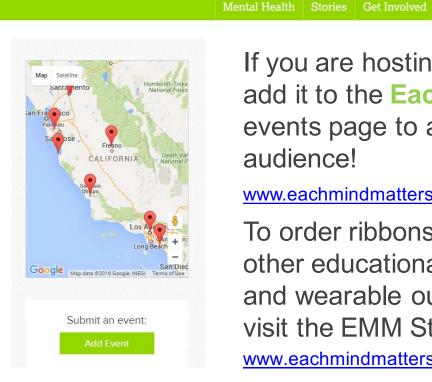








#### X Community Engagement



If you are hosting a public event, add it to the Each Mind Matters events page to attract a larger audience!

Events

www.eachmindmatters.org/events/

To order ribbons, T-shirts and other educational resources and wearable outreach items visit the EMM Store.

www.eachmindmatters.org/store

#### **%** Tweens







#### **Performance**

Statewide schoolbased performance tour



#### Website

Educational, interactive website (English and Spanish)



#### Media

Targeted mass media (radio, digital, cable TV)



Comprehensive campaign targeting 9-13 year olds



## X Youth & Young Adults: Directing Change

- Student Film Contest open to ages 14 -25 in partnership with a college, organization, club, or program
- Create 60 second films about suicide prevention, mental health matters or through the lens of culture
- Annual awards ceremony in May
- View all films at <u>www.directingchange.org</u>
- Recent webinar Changing Conversations about Mental Health in Schools and Communities recording can be viewed: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3</a> 448414091657277954



#### X Diverse Audiences: Stigma and Discrimination Reduction

Focused on five California Reducing Disparities Project audiences:

- African American
- Asian & Pacific Islander
- Latino
- LGBTQ
- Native American



Stakeholders, Counties

#### 8 Diverse Audiences: African American



#### **Support Guide**

Mental Health in the African American Community



Other ways to create supportive communities:

- Develop neighborhood healing circles.
- Raise awareness through advocacy, leadership and collaboration.
- Keep places of worship open every day of the week. This creates safe places for people to gather and talk.
- Wear lime green, the national color for mental health awareness. Share why mental health matters to you.
- Share videos, blogs, or photos from eachmindmatters.org on Facebook or Twitter to get your friends talking.









#### Ten Commitments

The Leaders of this House of Worship have made a commitment to our members and the broader community to become a Mental Health Friendly Community of Faith. We therefore have adopted the following Ten Commitments:



#### & Diverse Audiences: Asian & Pacific Islander













#### Diverse Audiences: Latino



#### X Diverse Audiences: Native American



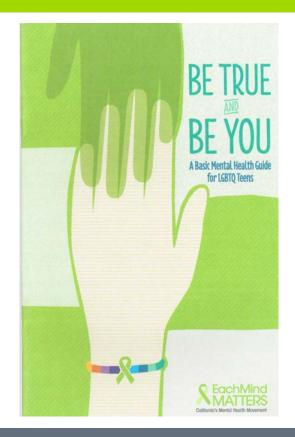


#### **CULTURE AND COMMUNITY:**

Suicide Prevention Resources for Native Americans in California



#### Diverse Audiences: LGBTQ





#### & Diverse Audiences: Real Stories of Recovery













#### X Your Voice Matters

- California's Mental Health Movement grows stronger every day as millions of people and thousands of organizations are working to advance mental health.
- Our voices are amplified when we speak up together.
- There are many ways to add your voice and strengthen the movement.



#### % "Why Do I Wear Lime Green?"

- "I care about mental health because I've been there. I want people know it's safe to reach out for support and that recovery is real."
- "I wear the ribbon because mental health issues impact 1 in 4 people in the US. I want to help create a community where everyone can talk openly and honestly and have a happy, fulfilling life."
- "I am showing my support for people with mental health challenges, and you can too by wearing the lime green ribbon."

## Responses to common myths

Myth	Response
Mental illness is rare and only happens to other people.	We all experience different levels of mental health over time. 50% of us will experience a mental health challenge in our lifetime.
Once you have diagnosis you can never recover. The best you can hope for is managing your symptoms.	People can, and do, get better all the time. With support and treatment 70-90% of people report reduced symptoms and improved quality of life.
You have to take medication if you have a mental illness.	Medication is just one tool available, there are many paths to recovery and different tools work for different people.
The mentally ill are violent.	People with mental health challenges are more likely to be harmed by acts of violence than perpetrators of them.
There's nothing I can do to help.	Everyone can make a difference. Don't tolerate hateful language, correct myths, or just listen.

## Relpful vs. Non Helpful Language

- 1. Hate speech ("psycho", "cray-cray", etc.)
- 2. "The" mentally ill
- 3. All or nothing language
- 4. Language that is pessimistic, negative, or not open to change.
- 5. Language that takes away choice (you must ...)
- 6. Language that emphasizes the diagnosis not the person "a schizophrenic"

- 1. Respectful language that promotes dignity.
- 2. Language that recognizes individual, human experiences and differences.
- 3. Language that allows for multiple truths.
- 4. Language that emphasizes hope and possibility.
- 5. Language that promotes choice and puts the power of choice with the consumer
- 6. People-first language

#### & Stop. Engage. Educate.

In order to be successful in your outreach efforts, you'll need to master three key skills:

- **1. Stop**  $\implies$  get their attention.
- **2.** Engage  $\Rightarrow$  get their interest.
- **3. Educate** inform them about our website, offer some literature and a lime green ribbon.

## A How to Stop

- Be prepared to face some rejection at this stage.
  - Many people won't talk to you, and that's okay.
- If someone tells you no:
  - Be polite
  - Say "thank you"
  - Leave them be



## X How to Stop

**Create a "Stop Phrase"** that is 1) positive, 2) short, and 3) something you believe.

Some examples of a Stop Phrase are:

- Do you have time to talk about mental health?
- Can I share with you the importance of mental health?
- I'd like to tell you about the Lime Green Ribbon.
- Ever seen a Lime Green Ribbon?
- Are you curious about mental health?

#### X How to Engage

When someone stops for your Stop Phrase, engage them with a **short two- to three-sentence description** about *why you're there* and *what you're doing*.



 A short phrase introduces the listener to what you're doing and what you care about.

## X Examples: How to Engage

- "I care about mental health because I've been there. I want people know it's safe to reach out for support and that recovery is real."
- "I'm out here today because mental health issues impact 1 in 4 people in the US. I want to help create a community where everyone can talk openly and honestly and have a happy, fulfilling life."
- "I am showing my support for people with mental health challenges, and you can too by wearing the lime green ribbon."

#### **X** How to Engage: Common Questions

#### Q: Are you a mental health professional?

A: "I'm an X, but today I'm here to raise awareness about mental health in our community."

#### Q: Can you help me with a mental health problem?

A: "I'm concerned about you and I want you to know that help is available" [direct them to "Where to Get More Support" of the EMM brochure].

#### Q: What if someone asks me about my own mental health challenges and I don't want to share at that time?

A: "Hearing real stories of people who have recovered from mental health challenges is inspiring. Right now, I'm here to raise awareness about X, but I encourage you to visit the stories page on www.eachmindmatters.com if you'd like to hear personal stories."

#### % How to Educate

If you're marching in a parade, going to farmer's markets, etc.:

- Get people excited by handing out ribbons.
- Carry cards or brochures with more resources with you.
- Choose one resource you find most helpful and share it with others along with ideas for how to utilize this tool.



#### Social Media Outreach (Video)

#### Social Media – Sample Posts

- DYK that May is Mental Health Matters Month & lime green is the national color? Show us how you're using lime green. Tag us #EachMindMatters
- RT to let others know they aren't alone if they ever need to talk. Being open and honest is the best way to end stigma! #EachMindMatters
- #EachMindMatters features real stories about #MentalHealth that inspires hope, resilience and recovery. Check it out: EachMindMatters.org/stories
- Show your support for Mental Health Matters Month and #EachMindMatters wherever you are by using the hashtag #MillionsLikeMe
- How are you using your social media to show you believe #EachMindMatters? Get some tips here: https://vimeo.com/134363573

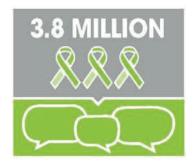
- Friends & family can learn to recognize warning signs of suicide. Visit SuicidelsPreventable.org to learn more. #KnowTheSigns
- Reach out to a friend in need and let them know they're not alone. #MillionsLikeMe #EachMindMatters
- Take action against #stigma. Be the change and start the conversation about mental health. #EachMindMatters
- Want to learn how to talk about #EachMindMatters w/ friends & family? Watch the "What is #EachMindMatters" video: https://vimeo.com/128939915
- Find the words to start a conversation.
   It can be the most important one you have.
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## X The movement is growing!



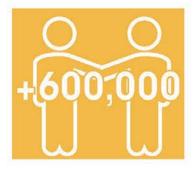
#### More Inclusion

Nearly 1.5 million more
Californians (a 5% increase
year-over-year) are
willing to socialize with,
live next door to or work
with people who have
mental health challenges.



#### More Momentum

3.8 million Californians
(or 13% of Californians
surveyed) saw someone
wearing a lime green ribbon,
and almost half of those
had a conversation about
mental health because
of the green ribbon.



## More Support

Approximately 600,000 additional Californians (a 2% increase year-over-year) provided emotional support to someone with a mental health challenge.



# California's Mental Health Movement

## EachMind Webinar Calendar WINTER/SPRING 2017

**Each Mind Matters** is hosting a series of webinars through June 2017. These informative presentations will focus on strategies to address and prevent mental health stigma, combat discrimination, learn the signs of suicide, and feel more comfortable discussing these critical public health concerns. For news on future presentations, please email Evan.Oliva@EachMindMatters.org

January 26: Changing Conversations About Mental Health and Suicide in Schools and Communities:

2:30-3:30PM PST Free Programs and Resources

To View Webinar Presentation: attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3448414091657277954

February 7: Skills Building: Mental Health and Stigma Reduction

To Register: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3002384005796828673 1:00-2:00PM PST

March 7: Learning Exchange: Tips and Tools for May is Mental Health Awareness Month

To Register: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1842279391725737729 1:00-2:00PM PST

April 4: SanaMente: Resources for Latino Communities

To Register: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/294849816537989633 1:00-2:00PM PST

**May 2:** Mental Health Resources for Diverse Communities

1:00-2:00PM PST To Register: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8210419842362519297

June 6: Skills Building: Suicide Prevention

To Register: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3870779388925992193 1:00-2:00PM PST

#### Stay connected

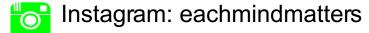
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- Sign up for Each Mind Matters newsletter at www.eachmindmatters.org











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