

“Education and awareness about mental illnesses to reduce stigma and promote recovery.”



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The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Wisconsin) is sponsoring the Wisconsin debut of the award-winning feature film, **Canvas**, on **Nov. 8, 2007**. There will be showings at **5 PM and 8 PM** at the Mitby Theater on the Truax Campus of **Madison Area Technical College**. A catered reception will be held between showings and will feature Honorary Chairperson Patti Loew, author and host of Wisconsin Public TV's "In Wisconsin," and Honorary Chair Nancy Abraham, a NAMI founding member. **Call NAMI at 800-236-2988 for tickets.** (Poster is attached.)

Canvas, inspired by a powerful true story, portrays the effects of major mental illness on a family. Writer/Director Joseph Greco's tale of a 10-year old boy coping with his mother's schizophrenia is a fresh take on the subject. Outstanding performances are turned in by the lead actors, including Academy Award-winner Marcia Gay Harden and Emmy Award-winner Joe Pantoliano.

Canvas delivers the important message that people **don't have to feel stigmatized** about having a mental health problem. "It's one of the few films to be authentic in its portrayal of schizophrenia," said NAMI National Executive Director Michael Fitzpatrick.

2007 Grassroots Empowerment Project--Mental Health Consumer Conference: Taking a Stand for our Recovery. November 12-13 in Wisconsin Dells. Contact the GEP office at 800-770-0588.

WUMH December 14: Joint Advisory Board and Steering Committee Meeting. New Time: 9:00am to 11:00 am. Special Presentation on Mental Health in the Workplace. Watch for further details. *Mark your calendars now.*

Many Resources Available to you: Mental health reports from SAMHSA's Office of Applied Studies (OAS) websites newly added: (thanks to Melanie Foxcroft for passing this along.)

Mental health treatment gap: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/mhTXgap.htm>

Depression: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/depression.cfm>

Suicide: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/suicide.cfm>

As you know, the following OAS website has links to all the OAS mental health reports, detailed tables, and public use data sets as well as other mental health resources: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/MH.cfm>

In addition, OAS reports on co-occurring substance use and mental health are available at: <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/dual.cfm>

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WUMH Purpose: A coalition to implement the Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 objective to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illnesses. Mental illnesses are real, common and treatable.

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