



**NAMI** | **Ventura County**  
**National Alliance on Mental Illness**

invites you to a  
**COURT EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**ON MENTAL ILLNESS**

**For all legal professionals including:  
Judges, lawyers, court staff**

**8 MCLEs awarded**

**November 6th and 13th, 2009**

**Two Fridays, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm**

**Location:**

Ventura County College of Law  
4475 Market Street, Ventura

Class registration fee \$50.00

Fee waivers available.

- Eight Approved Mental Health MCLEs
- \$50.00 NAMI one-year silver membership for all paying attendees
- Class Binder filled with class material, helpful information and mental health references
- 1 hour CD; a conversation about mental illness
- The hardcover edition of:  
*Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness*  
This book is available for the first 50 paid registrants (a \$24.95 value)

**Registration Required! Space is limited!**

**To register or for more information:**

e-mail: [namiventura@gmail.com](mailto:namiventura@gmail.com)

or call: (805) 641-2426

## **COURT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

NAMI Ventura County's Court Education Program is designed specifically for all representatives of the legal system who may interact with individuals suffering from mental illness.

Who should attend: Judges, Lawyers, Defense Attorneys, Prosecutors, Public Defenders, County Counsel, Law students, Court Personnel, Paralegals, Probation staff

This short course is taught by a four-person team who know what it is like to live with severe and persistent brain disorders. The specially trained team includes one consumer, two family members and one attorney.

**PART 1. INTRODUCTION – ABOUT NAMI.** What we do to help clients and family members of people who have major mental illnesses

**PART 2. WHAT IS MENTAL ILLNESS?** What is mental illness and what are the symptoms of psychosis?

**PART 3. WHAT IS DUAL DIAGNOSIS?** Includes a 15 minute interview of SAMSHA award winner Dr. Linda Gertson talking about dual diagnosis/co-occurring disorders and the treatment available in Ventura County.

**PART 4. THE BIO-PSYCHO-SOCIAL APPROACH TO TREATING MENTAL ILLNESS**

**PART 5. SCHIZOPHRENIA.** Recognizing the symptoms.

**PART 6. PSYCHOSIS.** What is psychosis?

**PART 7. BIPOLAR.** Recognizing the symptoms

**PART 8. THE BRAIN.** A basic overview of how it works and how a brain of someone with mental illness differs from a "normal" brain.

**PART 9. EMPATHY.** What it's like to step inside the brain of someone who is ill.

**PART 10. MEDICATION & SIDE EFFECTS.** Adherence issues - Why people with a brain disorder don't want to take medication or stop taking medication.

**PART 11. COMMUNICATION.** How to communicate better with people that have a delusion or are experiencing psychosis.

**PART 12. CONSERVATORSHIP.** When LPS Conservatorships are necessary and how to advise families to proceed to acquire conservatorship for their loved one

**PART 13. LET'S HEAR FROM THE NAMI FAMILY CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXPERTS**  
Video interview with Sharon Roth, Mark Gale, & Jim Randall. Includes topics such as Laura's Law and how counties can implement this law, jail diversion programs, post plea, LPS reform etc. A vision of continuum of care for mental illness.

**PART 14. RECOVERY.** A new vision of recovery.

**PART 15. MENTAL HEALTH COURTS.** How they work and how they can keep the mentally ill off the crowded dockets of other courts. A twenty minute film about a mental health court judge, Judge Stephen Manley in Contra Costa County.