



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI

**PA, Cumberland
and Perry Counties**

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Free Public Education

Thursday, February 16, 2012

**Featuring Award Winning Documentary
“When Medicine Got it Wrong”**

7:00pm - 8:00pm

At

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253 Penrose Place

Carlisle, PA 17013 (near DQ)

No registration needed

NAMI PA Cumberland/Perry Counties' mission is to provide emotional support and education for families and persons affected by mental illness. Through community collaboration, support groups, and educational offerings we advocate for a life of quality and dignity—one without discrimination—for all people affected by these illnesses.

NAMI recognizes that the key concepts of recovery, resiliency and support are essential to improving the wellness and quality of life of all persons affected by mental illness.

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How parents refused blame for causing schizophrenia

In 1974 a small group of parents became the first in the nation to publicly refuse blame for causing their children to have schizophrenia. They formed Parents of Adult Schizophrenics and their activism led to parents around the nation demanding changes in how the disease is understood and treated.

Parents of Adult Schizophrenics waged their battles in an era when mental hospitals were shutting down and the most severely ill patients were turned over to the promise of community care. Yet that community care rarely materialized.

When Medicine Got it Wrong shows how these families launched one of the fastest growing grassroots movements the nation had seen to date, ushering in an era of dramatic advances in understanding, treatment and brain research.

Medicine now knows that recovery is possible, and happens for the vast majority who receive treatment. Most communities, however, still wrestle with mental healthcare policies based on debunked theories from the 1960s and '70s - pushing many with severe mental illness directly into homelessness or incarceration.

Official website:

www.whenmedicine.org

Featured at NAMI National Convention, San Francisco, 2009

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