

Share Your Experiences to Help Advocate for Full Implementation of the Federal Parity Law

Attend the June 11th Hearing and Send in Your Stories for Ongoing Advocacy

"On June 11, we will hear from witnesses who have been denied treatment for mental illness or addiction, despite the federal parity law passed in 2008. Demanding the care we need, and are entitled to, is our responsibility. By documenting these stories, and standing together as one voice, we will make access to mental health and addiction care in New Jersey a reality," said The Honorable Patrick Kennedy, Former U.S. Representative and Co-founder of One Mind for Research, which seeks to increase resources and efficiency in brain disorder research.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the event to hear from the witnesses Kennedy refers to in his quote above. Mr. Kennedy will also speak at the event, as well as Carol McDaid of the Parity Implementation Coalition. The event will take place on June 11, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Stockton College. It is sponsored by the college and the New Jersey chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and is being organized in partnership with the Parity Implementation Coalition, New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies and Mental Health Association in New Jersey.

We are on a mission to collect stories about coverage not being provided for mental healthcare and/or addiction treatment services. If you have experiences to share, please send them to Shauna Moses at smoses@njamhaa.org by June 4, 2013. Thank you very much.