

Special Thanks to our Sponsors!



NHS, through its subsidiaries, is the largest community-based, non-profit human services organization in the country. More than 10,500 staff provide care to 50,000 adults and children throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Louisiana. NHS has developed a unique continuum of care providing services in the areas of mental health, behavioral health, addictive diseases, education, juvenile justice, foster care and permanency, autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities and many more specialized programs.



www.paproviders.org

On July 1, 2013 the Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA) was formed through the merger of the Pennsylvania Community Providers Association (PCPA) and the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (PARF) following a long history of cooperation and partnerships among the two previous organizations. As a single entity, RCPA is among the largest state health and human services trade groups in the nation, with more than 300 members serving over a million Pennsylvanians per year.



www.pmhca.org

The Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association (PMHCA) is a statewide member organization providing information, referrals and supports to people who are receiving services or in recovery from a mental illness in Pennsylvania. PMHCA recognizes the expertise that comes out of lived experience. We are an organization governed, managed, and staffed by individuals who identify as being on their own mental health recovery journeys. Together we work to support all recovery journeys.



The banner features a background of a waving American flag with red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars. The text "PATRIOTS FOR PARITY" is written in a large, white, serif font with a blue outline, slanted upwards across the stripes. Below this, the word "Philadelphia" is written in a large, white, serif font with a blue outline, set against the blue field of stars.

PATRIOTS FOR PARITY

Philadelphia

A community forum with the
Honorable Patrick Kennedy

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Philadelphia City Council Chamber
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

ID Required to enter City Hall

A message from Patrick Kennedy

“Access to mental health and addiction services is one of the most important and most neglected civil rights issues facing the nation. For too long, persons living with mental disorders and addiction have suffered from discriminatory policies and practices at all levels of society.

“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 Pennsylvania a reality.”



- Honorable Patrick Kennedy

October 1 Event Schedule

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 6:00-6:15 | Food, beverages and networking |
| 6:15-6:20 | Welcome and acknowledgements of special guests
<i>Honorable M. Joseph Rocks, Chairman and CEO, NHS Human Services</i> |
| 6:20-6:30 | Keynote Address
<i>Honorable Patrick Kennedy, Keynote Speaker</i> |
| 6:30-7:35 | Comments from panelists
· <i>Dr. Arthur Evans, Commissioner, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services</i>
· <i>Linda Rosenberg, President and CEO, National Council of Behavioral Health</i>
· <i>Lynn Keltz, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association</i>
· <i>Dr. Richard Edley, President and CEO, Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association</i> |
| 7:45 | Question and answer session |
| 8:00 | Call to action |

A Call to Action

To be sure individuals seeking mental health and addiction services are rightfully gaining access to life saving care, it is important to report any inequalities you may face. Here are some resources and avenues to do that both in Pennsylvania and on the national level. Have your voice heard and report compliance issues!

Patriots for Parity Now!

Resources

Parity Implementation Coalition
www.parityispersonal.org

Report compliance issues with state, county and public plans
CMS Center for Consumer Insurance Information and Oversight (CCIIO)
877-267-2323 ext. 61565 Email Phig@cms.hhs.gov

Report compliance issues with employer plans
Department of Labor and Benefits Administration
866-444-3272
www.askebsa.dol.gov

To report in Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Insurance Department Consumer Services
877-881-6388
www.insurance.pa.gov

PA Department of Public Welfare
800-692-7462
www.dpw.state.pa.us