

Disability Law and Mental Illness: What You Need to Know

A free education program from the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts

Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 7 to 9 PM, Dakin Conference Room Cooley Dickinson Hospital, 30 Locust St., Northampton, Mass. 01061 (Main hospital entrance and follow signs to Dakin Conference Room on 2nd floor)

If you or a loved one is living with mental illness, please join us for a free one-evening program to **get your questions answered** by attorneys specializing in disability law. Topics will include:

- Social Security: applying for SSDI and SSI
- SSDI and SSI appeals
- SSDI/SSI and dual-diagnosis claimants with mental illness and substance abuse issues
- Special needs trusts/planning
- Guardianship and conservatorship
- Life-care plans and letters of intent

Area attorneys James B. Winston, Elizabeth M. Dougal, and Seunghee Cha will share information about disability law topics and answer questions.

For more information, please contact the NAMI-WM office at (413) 786-9139 or information@namiwm.org. Learn more about NAMI-WM at www.namiwm.org.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness through support, education, and advocacy. As an affiliate of the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, NAMI-WM advocates for access to services, treatment, supports, and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all those in need.