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## *A Cultural Community Conversation: Overcoming Challenges*

*NAMI Multicultural All In The Family Summit 2012*

*to be held on*

*Friday, February 24, 2012 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM*

*Saturday, February 25, 2012 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM*

*to be held at:*

*Meharry Medical College  
S.S. Kresge Learning Resources Center  
1005 Dr. D.B. Todd, Jr. Blvd  
Nashville, TN 37208*

*Nashville, TN* - NAMI TN and TN STEP would like to extend this special invitation to you as part of our mission to promote culturally competent care for diverse communities in Tennessee. Our purpose of the day is to enhance services for culturally and linguistically diverse populations. Assessing attitudes, practices, policies and procedures of administrators and service providers is a necessary, effective and a systematic way to plan for culturally competent care within an organization. Determining the needs, preferences and satisfaction of family members/consumers is an essential aspect of this process.

Mental illnesses are medical illnesses. One in four adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year. One in 17 lives with serious, chronic illness.

“Many people in our community are directly affected by mental illness. “The good news is that treatment does work and recovery is possible.”

“The U.S. Surgeon General has reported that stigma is a major barrier to people seeking help when they need it. “That’s why NAMI TN and our partnering agencies are so important. We want people to understand mental illness and join a dialogue in our community. The more people know, the better they can help themselves or help their loved ones get the help and support they need.”

When mental health care isn’t available in a community, the results often are lost jobs and careers, broken families, more homelessness and much more expensive costs for hospital emergency rooms, nursing homes, schools, police and even courts, jails and prisons.

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**Dr. Rahn K. Bailey, M.D., Meharry Medical College, VSHP Behavioral Health, United Healthcare, KELCO Computing Solutions, many Mental Health Organizations and Private Donations.**

**Speakers will include:**

- **Vivian H. Jackson, PH.D., LCSW**  
Assistant Professor, Senior Policy Associate National Center for Cultural Competence and National Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development
- **Cha Jones**  
Author, Life Coach, and Motivational Speaker
- **Bruce Johnson**  
Accredited Disability Representative
- **Brad Palmertree**  
Tennessee Health Care Campaign
- **Monty Wright**
- **Lt Col (Retired) Kenny Allred**  
Chairman of the (NAMI TN) Veterans' Council , National Chair of the NAMI Military and Veterans Council.
- **Anne Pouliot NAMI TN**
- **Steve Brannon, M.Ed.,D. Div.**  
Author, Interfaith Spiritual Minister
- **Jennifer Dochod, M.S.O.T. Master of Science Occupational Therapy**
- **Louetta Hix, LAPSW, TCPS**  
Consumer Housing Specialist for the Housing within Reach project of TDMH
- **Patricia Vallardes, TN STEP**  
Middle TN Contact and Statewide Bi-lingual Contact, Bi-lingual Family Educator

**Master of Ceremony:**

**Clarence Jordan, MBA**  
**Director Recovery & Resiliency**  
**TennCareSelect/Valueoptions of Tennessee**  
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