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To: Affiliate Leaders & Interested Peers

From: Alice Kliethermes, Director of Consumer Services

**NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group Facilitator Training
Saturday & Sunday, August 8-9, 2020
Best Western Plus Capital Inn, Jefferson City**

Thank you for your interest in NAMI Missouri's NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group Facilitator program. Here are the details for the next training of Facilitators.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION – July 10, 2020

However, we will continue to accept applications for the waiting list and in case of cancellations.

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Groups are structured support groups for those living with any mental illness, and are peer-based, mutual support groups that meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. Persons living with mental illness who take the training should commit to facilitating their local support group for at least two years. A team of two people **MUST** attend this training together, except in areas that currently have a NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group. This is because fidelity to the program requires that no one should have to facilitate a support group alone.

I will contact each applicant for a short phone interview and to answer questions around the July 10 deadline. If you are selected to attend this training, a detailed confirmation memo with all the details of this training will also be emailed/mailed in July.

All materials, lodging and meals will be provided by NAMI Missouri through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and mileage will be reimbursed, so carpooling is encouraged. Please contact me if you need assistance with transportation. There will be no fee paid to participants attending this training.

Ongoing support from me will also be provided, and includes training materials, promotional materials, and resource materials—everything you need to begin and maintain your support groups.

The Best Western Plus Capital Inn is located at 1937 Christy Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Individual lodging rooms will be provided for those attending from outside the Jefferson City area on the nights of Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8. All rooms are non-smoking rooms, with areas to smoke outside.

Hot buffet breakfast is provided by the hotel and is only for those registered there. Catered meals will be provided beginning with dinner on Friday evening at 5 p.m., and include lunch and dinner on Saturday, lunch on Sunday, and a box dinner to take home with you on Sunday. Please indicate on your application if you have any special dietary needs so I can inform the caterer. There are only 18 openings, so get your applications in early!

There is also additional information on our website: www.namimissouri.org