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End the Scandal of Custody Relinquishment

It is "un-American" and contrary to common standards of decency that families in our nation are forced to give up custody of their child to secure mental health treatment. Yet, it happens to tens of thousands of children and families every year, according to well-documented reports. This practice of separating children from their families in their hour of greatest need simply must stop.

The Keeping Families Together Act was reintroduced early in 2005. NAMI applauds the leadership of Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Mark Pryor (D-AR) and Representatives Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Pete Stark (D-CA), Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and Jim Ramstad (R-MN) -- a bipartisan group of Congressional members that sponsored this legislation. It promises to address the scandal that has lingered far too long in states throughout our nation -- in which parents are forced to give up custody of their children with mental illnesses to secure vitally necessary treatment. These Congressional members and the others that have signed on to co-sponsor this legislation have shown true leadership in standing up for children, families and common sense.....[More Details](#)

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Major Depression

Major depression is a serious medical illness affecting 9.9 million American adults, or approximately 5 percent of the adult population in a given year. Unlike normal emotional experiences of sadness, loss, or passing mood states, major depression is persistent and can significantly interfere with an individual's thoughts.....[More Details](#)

From Our Executive Director

Hello all,

I would like to take the time to thank all of our volunteers for the hard work that they have exhibited over the past few months since I came on board. The volunteer base is the backbone of our organization, and without dedicated volunteers we would be unable to provide the level of services and support that we currently do. It is through the passion and efforts of all involved that keeps this machine running smoothly.

At the same time I would like to encourage all that receive this newsletter to join us in our efforts to make the world a better place for those suffering from mental illness. I encourage everyone to become an active member ([Membership Form](#)) of our organization. Strength comes in numbers, so the more we have the more we can do.

In the near future, we will begin having monthly membership and advocacy meetings as a way to help keep our volunteers engaged and active. We are working on the details of a kickoff meeting, probably in early December. There will be more details forthcoming within the next few weeks.

Thank you all,
Dennis Wolf

If you have not already read the article about Dennis in the News Messenger, then click [here](#)!

Upcoming Events

October 16, 6:00PM - Sandusky County Candlelight vigil, held at Sacred Heart Church in Fremont.

October 21, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting

October 25, 6:00PM - Family Fest at Terra Community College.

October 28, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting

October 26, 2:00PM - Tiffin C.A.R.E. meeting

November 2, 11:30AM - C.I.T. Luncheon held at Camden Falls in Tiffin.

November 3, 7:00PM - Wyandot County Family support Group

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