

New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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Inaugural Behavioral Health Collaborative Conference Scheduled December 2 – 5, 2008 in Albuquerque

Register Now for “A Place in the Community...and Beyond”

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative's Inaugural Conference, “A Place in the Community...and Beyond” is scheduled for December 2 – 5, 2008 at the Convention Center in Albuquerque.

This four-day conference is designed to suit everyone interested in participating; people in recovery, families, providers, administrators, educators, students and government agencies.

“National experts combined with state leaders in behavioral health will come together to provide the very latest information that will include cutting edge systems of care and best practices to create the optimal learning experience for everyone in attendance,” said Linda Roebuck, Collaborative CEO.

The conference will focus on several key issues currently impacting New Mexico as we continue to improve behavioral health services in the state. They include: The Collaborative, Co-occurring Disorders, Native American issues, Recovery and Resiliency, Supportive Housing, System of Care and other Hot Topics.

The keynote speakers scheduled for the conference are national experts in the area of mental health and substance abuse who are authors, award recipients and civic leaders. They are: David L. Shern, PhD, President and CEO the National Mental Health Association, Mario Hernandez, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Child and Family Studies at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, and A. Kathryn, Power, MEd, Director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services.

Registration for the entire four-day conference or daily is now available. Early bird registration goes through November 21 for a discounted rate, which includes parking. The conference has applied for Continuing Education approval from several professions and boards.

For complete information about the conference, agenda, registration, continuing education, and more please visit the conference website at <http://www.kessjones.com/events/BHC08/BHC08.html>.

About the Collaborative

The Collaborative was created in 2004 by the Governor and the Legislature to allow most state agencies and resources involved in behavioral health treatment and recovery to work as one in an effort to improve mental health and substance abuse services in New Mexico. This cabinet-level group represents 15 agencies and Governor Bill Richardson's office.

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