

211 COMMUNITY REPORT

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Take this opportunity to learn more about mental illness and ways in which you can help. Check out the following websites for more information on mental illness:

www.familyaware.org
 www.nami.org
 www.psych.org.

The 211 HELP!Line has Mental Health Guides available at no cost. These useful guides provide information on mental health resources in the Sioux Falls area. Stop in to pick up your free copy.



Featured May Agency:

NAMI South Dakota

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) offers practical support, useful education, sympathy and understanding to people who are living and coping with neurobiologically based brain diseases and their family members.

In addition, NAMI South Dakota works to increase public awareness and to advocate for increased research and improved services for the victims of serious mental illnesses. NAMI can be reached at 1-800-551-2531

Unmet Needs of 211 Callers for March and April 2006

The 211 HELP!Line tracks unmet needs when a caller has a need in which the 211 HELP!Line has no program listed within its database that would meet that particular need. The 211 HELP!Line also collects information on unmet needs from callers when a follow-up phone call is made back to them.

- Exhausted all resources for rental assistance (5)
- No programs to assist with moving expenses (4)
- Exhausted all resources for gas vouchers (3)
- Exhausted all assistance programs for out of town gas/bus passes (3)
- No financial assistance programs for a veterinarian bill (2)
- No programs that provide short term, no interest loans
- No support group for Celiac disorder (2)
- No emergency weekend dental care options (3)
- No housing programs for adults to stay while a family member is in the hospital (2)
- No anger management program for boys currently meeting (2)
- No support group for people with anxiety
- No support group for people with insomnia
- No co-dependency support group
- No support group for shoplifters
- No transportation program to get children to and from school (5)
- No singles groups for people under age 50
- No financial assistance program to pay for child care other than the child care assistance through the State.

This report is designed to share the valuable data collected by the 211 HELP!Line. If you would prefer to not receive this report, simply click reply and note you want to be removed from the mailing list. If you know of someone who would benefit from the information, please feel free to forward the report.

E-mail amy@helplinecenter.org or dial 211 for more information or questions.



If you want more information on the 211 HELP!Line or any of the programs mentioned, simply dial 211 or visit our website at www.helplinecenter.org

