

Representative Toni Walker invites you to join her for:

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

May 5, 2009

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Legislative Office Building (room 1E) in Hartford

Please join Representative Walker, Fellowship Place and the Keep the Promise Coalition (KTP) at an advocacy event to support expanded housing and health care options, and true community integration for people living with mental illnesses. Let CT's policy makers know that you believe in:

Community Solutions, Not Costly Institutions!

Without safe, stable housing and unrestricted access to healthcare and medications, people with serious mental illnesses continue facing homelessness and inappropriate treatment in costly institutional settings, such as nursing homes, residential treatment, prisons and jails and emergency rooms.

Mental Health Awareness Day at the Capitol will feature a powerful video presentation by Fellowship Place members from New Haven who share their real life stories about the impact on their lives of homelessness and barriers to housing and health care.

Participants will have the opportunity to advocate for access to housing options and community supports for people with mental illnesses with their own legislators by filling out "walk-in" messages provided by the Keep the Promise Coalition and distributing relevant fact sheets to legislators at the Capitol.

Please personally invite your state Senator and Representative to Mental Health Awareness Day at the Capitol! Encourage them to support their constituents with mental illnesses. You or your group can also schedule a meeting with your legislator between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For help contacting your legislator or setting up meetings, please call KTP Coordinator, Cheri Bragg, at (800) 215.3021 or email her at keepthepromise@namict.org.

Don't forget to wear bright blue on May 5th to show your support!

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Maura Sheil-Hughes at (800) 215.3021 or at ktpassistant@namict.org.