

This Week at AMHCA



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

People with a mental illness say that the social stigma attached to mental health conditions and the discrimination they experience can make their hard times worse and make it harder to recover. Join AMHCA this month as we promote mental health awareness. Share our infographic, connect with us on social media, and use our guides to speak out and write about mental health.

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Federal Advocacy

Bipartisan Mental Health Access Improvement Act Reintroduced in Congress

On January 31st, the Mental Health Access Improvement Act (S. 286) was re-introduced by Senator Barrasso (R-WY) and Senator Stabenow (D-MI), that will allow mental health counselors to bill Medicare for treating older adults with mental health conditions. AMHCA was instrumental in accelerating the early introduction of S. 286 in the new Congressional session. Please see a press release below about the announcement on the re-introduction of the Mental Health Access Improvement Act. Rep. Thompson (CA-05) and Rep. Katko (NY-24) also announced they have reintroduced the bipartisan Mental Health Access Improvement Act in the House.

We encourage you to contact two Senators and your Congressional Member in the House of Representatives, to express your support for the Mental Health Access Improvement Act. Please mention Senate Bill 286 and House Bill 945 in your communications. Click below for more information and sample communications to use when writing or speaking to your members of Congress.

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2019 Conference



Schedule Posted Online

This year's conference will focus on a vision for the future, connecting on personal and professional issues, crafting new ideas for the next generation of the profession and a plan of action. Propel the next season of your career and attend the 2019 AMHCA Annual Conference!

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Volunteers Needed

AMHCA is still looking for several student volunteers for our annual conference this June 24-28 in the Washington, DC suburb of Herndon, VA. If you are interested, please fill out the Conference Volunteer Interest Form or contact Rebecca Gibson for more information at rgibson@amhca.org. Students will receive a discounted rate of \$149 for volunteering!

[Volunteer Form](#)

Volunteers Needed

As a prelude to our Annual Conference, AMHCA will be heading to Capitol Hill on Tuesday afternoon, June 25th. We would love to have you participate and meet with your representatives to discuss topics that matter most to mental health counselors – including Medicare reimbursement, portability, and more. If you are interested, please fill out the form by May 27th with your information so that we can book an appointment for you! We'll be making appointments over the coming weeks and will be in touch with you as soon as your meeting is confirmed. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at rgibson@amhca.org!

[Join Us for Hill Day](#)

Governance

From the President: AMHCA and ACA Now Separate Associations

The American Counseling Association (ACA) and the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) are now completely separate associations. It should be well understood that there are many types of counselors nationwide, but AMHCA was the ACA division tasked to support the needs of clinical mental health counselors. Now, AMHCA as a standalone association is the only one that is uniquely dedicated to the academic, internship, supervision, and licensure of clinical mental health counselors.

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Website Construction

The AMHCA website is undergoing a bit of reconstruction. In an effort to make the website more user friendly we are moving a few things around. Please bear with us as we rebuild our hub and feel free to reach out to Whitney Meyerhoeffer (wmeyerhoeffer@amhca.org) at AMHCA if you have any questions or concerns.

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Join in the Discussion

Looking for Counselor Dually Licensed in Florida and North Carolina

Aaron is looking for a counselor that is dually licensed in Florida and North Carolina. He has a client who can do couples e-therapy for a couple months while his wife is in North Carolina and he is here in Florida. Are you licensed both those states?

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New Member Benefit Added

AMHCA Partners with Driven: Become one of the first neuroscience-based resilience coaches in the US

Building collaborative relationships is a core strength of AMHCA. We are happy to announce that AMHCA has forged with international innovators in the field of neuroscience and resilience, Hello Driven (<https://home.hellodriven.com/>). AMHCA continues to be a leader in promoting our understanding of the role of neuroscience in the training, research, and practice of clinical mental health counseling.

[Learn More](#)

AMHCA is excited to announce that we have added an expert search feature to our website!

Members and the public are able to search by location, topic or expertise, and by name. Get a personal URL that you can market to others. Select a fee for speaking and upload presentations, book titles and link to articles you've written. Members can adjust their privacy settings to make areas public or private. You decide how much detail to fill out and who you would like to see it.

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