

## **National Alliance on Mental Illness**

## **FOR CAREGIVERS**

A FREE 8-SESSION
COURSE FOR
CAREGIVERS OF ADULTS
WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Described by past participants as life changing, the NAMI Family-to-Family is an 8-session education program for family, friends and significant others of adults with mental health concerns. There is no fee to attend and all course materials are provided at no cost to you.

The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one with a mental health concerns while maintaining their own well-being. The course topics are described on the right-hand panel.

The NAMI Family-to-Family course is taught by trained family members who have a loved one with a mental health concerns. NAMI Family-to-Family is an evidence-based program. For information on the research base for the program, visit nami.org/research.

**Dates**: 8 consecutive weeks commencing Thursday, May 1 until Thursday, June 19 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canadian Mental Health Association, Brant Haldimand Norfolk (Brant location) 44 King Street, Suite

203 (upstairs) Brantford, ON

These sessions will be offered in a hybrid format.

Participants have the choice of attending in person, or virtually by Zoom

## To register, or for more information:

**Contact**: Lisa Mackay

By email: <a href="mailto:lisam@cmhabhn.ca">lisam@cmhabhn.ca</a>

**By telephone**: 519-752-2998, ext. 103 Register now. Limited space available

Registration deadline: Friday, April 25, 2025

## **Course topics include:**

- Understanding mental health concerns and preparing for crisis.
- Getting a diagnosis
- An overview of depressive disorders, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorders, bipolar disorder, anxiety and other mental health concerns
- Treatment options for mental health concerns.
- The biology of the brain, medications and side effects.
- Listening and communication techniques.
- Problem solving and limit setting.
- Understanding what it's like to have a mental health concern.
- Recovery and rehabilitation as they relate to mental health concerns.
- Moving forward and self-care.



To learn more about the NAMI Family to Family Education Program, visit https://www.f2fontario.ca/family-to-family-course