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## **Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Ohio AG Mike DeWine and Other Policy Makers Join Mental Health Leaders at RNC to Discuss Mental Illness**

Cleveland, Ohio - Former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, will be a Keynote speaker at the Bringing Mental Illness out of the Shadows event on Tuesday, July 19th. He will be joined by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Congressman Bill Johnson and other national and state policy leaders to talk about the need to eliminate the billions of dollars in wasteful spending by effectively treating people with mental illness before they are placed in jails and prisons. They will also highlight the need to ensure that our veterans' mental health is cared for so that we can combat the suicide crisis amongst veterans in our country.

This event is open to the media. RSVP's are requested to [katie@namiohio.org](mailto:katie@namiohio.org).

**WHO:** The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio) in collaboration with The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, The Woodruff Foundation, NAMI National, NAMI of Greater Cleveland, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, Murtis Taylor Community Mental Health Center, The Magnolia Clubhouse, and others.

### Featured Speakers:

- Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich
- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine
- Congressman Bill Johnson
- State Senator Frank LaRose
- State Senator Robert Hackett
- State Representative Scott Ryan
- Mary Giliberti, Chief Executive Officer, NAMI National

**WHAT:** Bringing Mental Illness out of the Shadows Advocacy and Awareness Event

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm EST

**WHERE:** Cuyahoga Community College, Jerry Sue Thornton Center, Ford Room

2500 E 22nd St, Cleveland, 44115

**WHY:** To raise awareness of the need for comprehensive national mental health reform and increase national support. Mental illness exacts a high financial cost on families and society by inefficient care delivery, as well as a high emotional cost on individuals and communities in public safety and lost lives. While it affects a majority of Americans, progress is stalled by a dysfunctional national system that fails to deliver minimally adequate care. We can find and adopt truly meaningful reforms that provide for those in need, ensure our veterans are cared for, and combat the suicide crisis in our country. We stand for reforms that reduce the financial and emotional burden, while at the same time increase community safety and prevent the infrequent, but devastating incidents of violence that are tragic for all of us.

NAMI Ohio is the statewide alliance that serves as the voice on mental illness. The organization is comprised of over 20,000 family members, individuals, advocates and professionals working together to ensure that Ohioans with mental illness and their loved ones receive the treatment and support they need. Serious mental illness includes such illnesses as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depression.

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