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Upcoming Faith-Based Mental Health Summit: "Faith Strategies that Build Communities"

Monroe, LA - September 14, 2017 - Northeast Delta Human Services Authority ([NE Delta HSA](#)), which directs the operation of community-based services for citizens with mental health issues, addictive disorders, developmental disabilities and prevention programs, is sponsoring a public summit, in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness - Ruston Chapter (NAMI Ruston), on Tuesday, October 3 at the Ruston Civic Center.

The Summit will feature solution-based topics and discussions, including:

- The state of mental health and addiction in Louisiana
- The expanding role of churches in mental healthcare
- Faith and integrated mental health and primary care
- Advocacy and scholarly perspectives: What we know and what comes next

"Regardless of whether a societal issue is public or private, no single entity can solve problems on its own," said Dr. Monteic A. Sizer, NE Delta HSA Executive Director. "This Summit brings together experts among behavioral health, government, faith-based organizations, community and academia to further catalyze meaningful discussion and

action."

[Click here](#) to register for the Summit and to see the event program.

"As a government agency, we can help our citizens meet many of their physical and behavioral health needs ," said Dr. Sizer. "But adding faith-based organizations into the mix helps provide an even more meaningful sense of purpose, hope and faith for our citizens."

Continuing education units for 3.00 contact hours will be available for social workers, counselors and addiction personnel.

[Click here](#) to register for the Symposium on the NE Delta HSA website and to find more information about the event.

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About Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (NE Delta HSA)

NE Delta HSA directs the operation of community-based programs to improve the quality of life of people with major mental illness, developmental disabilities and addictive disorders. NE Delta HSA is devoted to deliver programs and services that encourage people to reach their true human potential.

NE Delta HSA uses a nationally-recognized, integrative approach that addresses citizens' behavioral and primary healthcare needs. The agency works collaboratively with regional partners in prevention, education, business and in regional municipalities and parishes to serve its citizens. NE Delta HSA works to reduce barriers to quality healthcare that arise from negative societal health determinants such as poverty, joblessness and access to adequate housing.

Three tenets guide our efforts: excellent customer service, greater access to services and competent, quality care. NE Delta HSA serves citizens in 12 parishes of northeastern Louisiana: Caldwell, East Carroll, West Carroll, Ouachita, Lincoln, Madison, Franklin, Morehouse, Jackson, Tensas, Richland and Union. For more information, please visit our website at www.nedeltahsa.org or call 318-362-3270.

About National Alliance on Mental Illness - Ruston Chapter (NAMI Ruston)

NAMI Ruston is a 30-year-old, non-profit mental health organization. Its mission statement is "Striving to Improve Lives" of persons and their families struggling with a mental health condition or addictive disorder. NAMI Ruston serves Lincoln, Ouachita, Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson and Union Parishes. It is a local affiliate of NAMI Louisiana, and NAMI National, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia.

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