



*All Day Events (8:30am - 2:00pm)*

**Visits with Legislators**

Registered participants will have the opportunity to network with legislators, professionals, advocates, consumers and families. Appointments to visit legislators will already have been made with your registration.

**Informational Booths**

**First Floor Rotunda**

*Events Throughout the Day*

<i>Dillon House</i> 404 SW 9th Street	<i>Statehouse</i>	<i>Memorial Auditorium</i> 120 SW 10th
<p><b>Registration</b> 8:30am-10:00am</p> <p>Brief educational sessions from members of the Kansas Mental Health Coalition, demonstrations and suggestions on effective approaches with legislators. Videos will be available for viewing the "not-so-good" and "recommended" ways to talk to a legislator effectively.</p> <p><b>LUNCH</b> 11:30am-1:00pm</p> <p>Registered participants will enjoy a free boxed lunch.</p> <p><b>Next Steps</b> 2:00pm</p> <p>Keys for Networking, Inc., NAMI Kansas and the Association of CMHCs staff will be available to discuss the success of your legislative visit.</p> <p><b>2:30pm</b></p> <p>KAPS will speak on "How Your Advocacy Begins Today"</p>	<p><b>Comments from Elected Officials</b> 1:00pm: 2nd Floor Rotunda</p> <p>Invited officials include:</p> <p>Senator Anthony Hensley (D) Topeka</p> <p>Representative Dennis McKinney (D) Greensburg</p> <p>Senator Steve Morris (R) Hugoton</p> <p>Representative Melvin Neufeld (R) Ingalls</p>	<p><b>Advocacy Day KICKOFF</b> 10:00am-11:00am</p> <p>Dr. Roy Menninger, Chair <i>Kansas Mental Health Coalition</i></p> <p>Wes Cole, Chair <i>Governor's Mental Health Planning Council</i></p> <p>Gary Harbison, Director <i>Mental Health Division, KS Dept of SRS</i></p> <p><b>"Shedding Light Tour"</b> 11:00am-11:20am</p> <p>Kristy and Mary Worthen are touring the nation, visiting each state capitol to raise a mental health flag in support of mental illness awareness. The flag was designed and hand-painted by Kristy who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 1999. They will share their story.</p>

 **12:00pm St. Patrick's Day Parade** 

*Housekeeping*

**Entering the Statehouse:** Please use the West Entrance. (9th and Harrison)

**Parking:** There are public parking garages located at 615 S. Quincy and 215 SE 9th Street. If you use either of these facilities please get your ticket validated at the Association of CMHCs display booth on the ground floor of the Statehouse. There are also parking meter spaces along the surrounding streets of the Statehouse. Do not park in any bagged meter areas.

**Transportation:** Community Mental Health Centers are helping coordinate transportation to Topeka. Please check with your local Community Mental Health Center for more details or simply come on your own!

**Overnight Accommodations:** Limited scholarships are available through Keys for Networking for overnight stays the evening of March 16th for individuals traveling long distances for Mental Health Advocacy Day.



For more details or to RSVP, call Keys at (800) 499-8732.

Only participants who have pre-registered by 12:00pm on March 12 will receive a free boxed lunch.