



Special Performance
Excerpts from
The Dangers of Empathy
by June Gross and
Viesia Novosielski

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What is Mental Health?

Stigma?

invitation

Are children concerned?

How, where to get help?

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COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FORUM

The Inside-out Story: Another look at mental illness

Please join us to discuss mental health with distinguished panelists on:

Thursday, May 11, 2006

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Vinfen - Conference Room A, 2nd floor

950 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA

Experts and advocates share experiences to raise awareness:

- Ken Duckworth, M.D., Medical Director, Vinfen
- State Senator Patricia Jehlen, D-Somerville
- June Gross, Writer and Advocate
- Viesia Novosielski, Writer and Artist, and Peer Educator at Vinfen's Webster II program
- Lisa Halpern, Peer Mentor, WestBridge Community Services, and Coordinator of '*In Our Own Voice*', a recovery-based consumer speaking program for the Massachusetts National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-MASS)
- Phil Hadley, President, Board of Directors, NAMI-MASS

Special Performance by mother and daughter June Gross and Viesia Novosielski of their autobiographical play *The Dangers of Empathy* (first 4 parts).

Light refreshments provided by Vinfen's Webster II day program.

If you plan to attend

Please RSVP by calling
(617) 441-1726 or by email:
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Vinfen thanks the following organizations for their participation:



Vinfen joins organizations and individuals across the United States in observance of National Mental Health Month by hosting its first public Mental Health Awareness Forum in Cambridge.

Established in 1977, Vinfen is a leading nonprofit human services organization that provides a comprehensive array of services to children, adolescents and adults with psychiatric, developmental and behavioral disabilities. Each year, Vinfen supports thousands of individuals in more than 250 residential, respite, day, and crisis intervention programs and services in eastern Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

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