

Hill Day 2016 - June 6-7, 2016 Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Since 2005, the National Council's Annual Public Policy Institute and Hill Day has grown from 50 to 600+ attendees – a more than ten-fold increase. This free, two-day event brings together hundreds of behavioral health providers, administrators, board members, consumers and community stakeholders in D.C. for a day of sessions and workshops on federal behavioral health policy. After these sessions, Hill Day attendees take to Capitol Hill to advocate for better resources for mental health and addictions treatment in their communities.

Among our major legislative successes from past Hill Days are:

1. **Passage of a demonstration program based on the Excellence in Mental Health Act**, and the introduction of legislation to expand the demonstration project in 2016;
2. **\$15 million appropriation in the 2014 budget** for Mental Health First Aid training and a continuation of that funding for each consecutive year;
3. **Recruitment of dozens of new cosponsors** for legislative priorities such as the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, the Behavioral Health IT Act, the Mental Health First Aid Act, and more; and
4. **Funding in the 2016 budget**, including:
 - **Preserving \$50 million in annual funding** for the Primary Care-Behavioral Health Integration program, which funds behavioral health organizations engaged in co-locating primary and behavioral health care services;
 - **\$50 million increase** for the Mental Health Block Grant, including a 10 percent required set-aside for early intervention services; and
 - **\$38 million increase** for the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant.



Here's what past participants have to say about Hill Day:

- *"Consistently, the National Council gives great access to the people who make decisions and shape policy in agencies. Materials and info are excellent."*
- *"[Hill Day] was great! This was my first time on Capitol Hill and the preparation on Monday made for the successes on Tuesday."*
- *"As a first time attendee, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience – has given me a new perspective to bring home. Definitely plan on coming again!"*
- *"Hill Day made all of us feel we had closer connections with folks that appropriate money to support our public programs."*

For more information on Hill Day, visit our website at www.thenationalcouncil.org/HillDay