

## **ORGANIZATIONAL DESCRIPTIONS: MEMBERS**

### **ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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Peter Goldberg, President and CEO

**Founding Date:** Family Service America (1911) and the National Association of Homes and Services for Children (1975) merged in 1998. **Membership Size:** 350 agencies. **Publications:** The Insider; The Roundtable; Families in Society. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Ericka Tomlinson, Policy Analyst; Carmen Delgado Votaw, Senior Vice President of Public Policy.

**Organizational Purpose:** As a membership organization of private not-for-profit child and family serving organizations, the Alliance advocates for at-risk children and families and the organizations that serve them. The Alliance provides advocacy, research, leadership development, public information, training and agency support. **Description:** International nonprofit association of 350 private not-for-profit child and family serving organizations whose mission is to strengthen members' capacity to serve and advocate for children, families and communities. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Violence; child protection issues such as foster care and adoption; juvenile justice; issues to support family well-being; advocacy rights of nonprofits; and reauthorization of TANF.

### **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY [AACAP]**

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PHONE: 202/966-7300; FAX: 202/966-1944; WEB SITE: [www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)  
Virginia Q. Anthony, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1953. **Membership Size:** 6,700. **Staff Size:** 26. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 57. **Affiliated Organizations:** Regional organizations of child and adolescent psychiatry. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 24-29, 2000 in New York, NY. **Publications:** Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; AACAP newsletter; DevelopMentor. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Mary Crosby, Deputy Executive Director; Nuala Moore, Assistant Director of Government Affairs.

**Organizational Purpose:** To coordinate activities surrounding membership's research and treatment of psychiatric disorders of children, adolescents and their families. **Description:** Membership organization for child and adolescent psychiatrists. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Health care system reform, public health/graduate medical education, related children's issues.

### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY [AAGP]**

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WEB SITE: [www.aagponline.org](http://www.aagponline.org)  
Christine M. deVries, Executive Director; William E. Reichman, MD, President

**Founding Date:** 1978. **Membership Size:** 2,000. **Staff Size:** 15. **Affiliated Organizations:** Geriatric Mental Health Foundation. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** February 23-26, 2001 in San Francisco, CA; February 24-27, 2002 in Orlando, FL. **Publications:** American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry; Geriatric Psychiatry News. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Marjorie Vanderbilt, Director, Government Affairs.

**Organizational Purpose:** AAGP is a national association representing and serving its members and the field of geriatric psychiatry. It is dedicated to promoting the mental health and well being of older people and improving the care of those with late life mental disorders. **Description:** AAGP

members are psychiatrists who have geriatric patients as a majority of their practice. Many AAGP members have been certified in the subspecialty of geriatric psychiatry. About half of AAGP's members are involved in research and hold academic positions. AAGP has all the infrastructure that one would expect in a national association, e.g., departments of education, government relations, communications, finance, etc. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Long term care; mental health parity; reimbursement and coverage; managed care; appropriations; Medicare reform; mental health services in nursing homes.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY [AAMFT]**

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PHONE: 202/452-0109; FAX: 202/223-2329; WEB SITE: [www.aamft.org](http://www.aamft.org)  
Michael Bowers, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1942. **Membership Size:** 23,000. **Staff Size:** 30. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 54. **Affiliated Organizations:** AAMFT

Research & Education Foundation, state and provincial divisions, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 18-21, 2001 in Nashville, TN. **Publications:** Family Therapy News; Journal of Marital and Family Therapy; Practice Strategies. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** John Ambrose, JD, Director, Legal and Government Affairs; David Bergman, JD, Government Affairs Manager.

**Organizational Purpose:** To represent the marriage and family therapy professional interests, to facilitate research, theory development and education in the field of marriage and family therapy; and to develop standards for graduate education and training, approved supervision, professional ethics and the clinical practice of marriage and family therapy. **Description:** AAMFT members are marriage and family therapists and other mental health professionals practicing marriage and family therapy in the U.S., Canada and abroad. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Expanding access for consumers to marriage and family therapy services.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION [AAPR]**

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PHONE: 914/398-6526; FAX: 212/426-7645  
WEB SITE: [www.wapr.de/welcome.html](http://www.wapr.de/welcome.html)  
Maurice Green, President

**Founding Date:** 1989. **Membership Size:** 665. **Staff Size:** all volunteers. **Affiliated Organizations:** World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (AAPR is US chapter); Mental Health Workers Without Borders. **Publications:** U.S. Newsletter; World Bulletin; International Journal of Mental Health. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Marge Harris, Vice President of the Board; Martin Gittelman; Roger Peel, Washington Representative; Zeb Taintor, President International Secretariat.

**Organizational Purpose:** (1) To improve the quality of life of individuals and families affected by disabling mental illness; (2) to promote policies and programs to meet the needs of the mentally ill; (3) to organize and encourage seminars, conferences, research and training courses concerning psychosocial rehabilitation; (4) to provide consultation, speakers and technical assistance to local, national and international agencies to promote mental health and rehabilitative services; (5) to encourage and initiate educational programs to assure maximum understanding of the needs and rights of people with disabling mental illness; (6) to publicize and promote material and media in the area of psychosocial rehabilitation; (7) to assist governmental, nonprofit, U.N. and similar local, national and international agencies in efforts to offer information and assistance with regard to the mentally disabled and to support improved community-based care, treatment and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled; (8) to promote efforts to reduce relapse and disability among the mentally

disabled. **Description:** Members are psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, other mental health professionals, and consumers and families. Board of Directors, Executive Committee, monthly meetings, annual conference, awards luncheon and participation in biannual international congress. Activities include advocacy, education and encouraging research, including an annual award for research. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Parity; criminalization of the mentally ill; deinstitutionalization without treatment or reabsorption; research issues, particularly schizophrenia; human rights of the mentally ill; families of the mentally ill.

#### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CENTERS [AACRC]**

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PHONE 202/628-1816; FAX 202/638-4004  
Richard Biolsi, President; Elissa Schwartz, Association Director

**Founding Date:** 1957. **Membership Size:** 105 agencies and 200 individuals. **Staff Size:** 2. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 17-20, 2001, in Atlanta, GA. **Publications:** Residential Treatment News; Journal of Residential Treatment for Children & Youth; Contributions to Residential Treatment; and AACRC Organizational Directory. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Elissa Schwartz, Association Director.

**Organizational Purpose:** AACRC is devoted to maintaining quality residential treatment for children and adolescents. **Description:** Members include psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, and other members of the multidisciplinary team serving children with severe emotional disorders. Focus is clinical, although AACRC is active in Washington coalitions and policy and legislative affairs. The annual meeting provides an opportunity for professionals to interact and explore clinical issues, research, new ideas and experiences. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Maintain the position of residential treatment in the continuum, and work to assure that mental health services for children, especially residential treatment, are included in the definition of basic health care. In addition, protect the rights of and services for children within the welfare system and managed care systems and who are in need of mental health services.

#### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL COUNSELORS [AAPC]**

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PHONE: 703/385-6967; FAX: 703/352-7725; WEB SITE: [www.aapc.org](http://www.aapc.org)  
C. Roy Woodruff, Ph.D., Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1964. **Membership Size:** 3,000. **Staff Size:** 7. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 10 regions. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** April 19-22, 2001 in Atlanta, GA. **Publications:** AAPC Newsletter; AAPC Magazine; Journal of Pastoral Care. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** C. Roy Woodruff, PhD, Executive Director.

**Organizational Purpose:** AAPC was formally organized in 1963 in response to the need for leadership and standards for the involvement of religious organizations in mental health care. Since that time, the association has provided clarity in pastoral counseling practice and training, clinical certification, criteria for religious institutions in pastoral counseling ministry, and coordination with other mental health professions. **Description:** Pastoral counseling is a form of therapy or counseling in which a pastoral counselor, as a representative of a religious tradition or community, uses the insights and principles of religion, theology and modern behavioral sciences in working with individuals, couples, families, groups and institutions toward the achievement of wholeness and health. An important ingredient in pastoral counseling different from other forms of counseling and psychotherapy is the conviction that mental and emotional illness are best met by both the wisdom of religious teachings and the knowledge and skills of the human behavioral sciences. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Continued focus on Medicare provider recognition and expanding FEHBP provider recognition to all states; development of a professional formation program for membership continuing education.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE PRACTICE PSYCHIATRISTS [AAPP]**

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PHONE: 202/682-6270; FAX: 202/682-6369  
Lawrence C. Sack, MD, President

**Founding Date:** 1990. **Membership Size:** 1,000. **Staff Size:** 2. **Publications:** Bi-monthly informational mailings to members. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Lawrence C. Sack, MD, President.

**Organizational Purpose:** To further causes affecting delivery of appropriate psychiatric care to patients of private practice psychiatrists. **Description:** Membership limited presently to psychiatrists seeking to advance issues on access to appropriate care to patients of private practice psychiatrists. **Priority Issues:** Any health care reform initiatives on the federal level; litigation involving private practice psychiatrists and managed care companies; variety of other issues selected as critical by the board.

**AMERICAN BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK [ABE]**

Shetland Park, 27 Congress Street, Salem, MA 01970  
PHONE: 800/694-5285; FAX: 800/694-7882; WEB SITE: www.abecsw.org  
Robert A. Booth, Jr., Executive Director; Gail Nagel, MS, President

**Founding Date:** 1987. **Membership Size:** 11,000+ **Staff Size:** 7. **Publications:** The Diplomate newsletter; Directory. **Annual Convention/ Meeting:** Quarterly board meetings; ABE issues reports to and attends some meetings of NASW, CSWF, Association of Social Work Boards, Council on Social Work Education. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Robert A. Booth, Jr., Executive Director; Robert Waters, Esq., Advocate.

**Organizational Purpose:** Establishing standards for and issuing a national advanced credential (the BCD) for clinical social workers, encouraging research and development of advanced theory and practice, interacting with professional and regulatory organizations, promotion and advocacy of advanced clinical social work, etc. **Description:** 11,000+ advanced clinical social workers. ABE's board has 12 directors. ABE credentials advanced clinical social workers (CSWs) and advocates for recognition of CSWs as practitioners under all coverage programs, and supports programs and legislation that strengthen mental health care. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Parity and access to care.

**AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION [ACA]**

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PHONE: 703/823-9800; FAX: 703/823-0252; WEB SITE: www.counseling.org  
John L. Jaco, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1952. **Membership Size:** 51,000. **Staff Size:** 60. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 56. **Affiliated Organizations:** The Counseling and Human Development Foundation, ACA Insurance Trust, and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** March 15-20, 2001, in San Antonio, TX. **Publications:** Counseling Today; Journal of Counseling and Development; Journal of Mental Health Counseling; and 14 refereed scholarly journals. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Scott Barstow, Director of Public Policy and Legislation.

**Organizational Purpose:** To enhance human development throughout the life span, to promote the counseling profession, and to educate policymakers regarding mental health issues. **Description:** ACA members are primarily professional counselors who work in a wide variety of settings, including private practice, managed care plans, community mental health centers, educational settings,

government correctional institutions and business. Organizational activities include leadership training, government relations and advocacy, research and professional development. ACA has 56 branches in the U.S. and abroad, 4 regional subdivisions and 17 member associations organized around specific interests and practice areas. ACA's Governing Council is comprised of representatives from 15 member associations and the 4 regions. The work of the Governing Council is carried out by ACA staff and 13 national committees. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Full federal recognition of professional counselors as core providers of mental health and substance abuse treatment services; managed care legislation; confidentiality of client medical and treatment information; Medicare and Medicaid coverage issues; education reform initiatives and school safety and health services; and reauthorization and funding of federal mental health and substance abuse treatment services and research programs.

#### **AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES [AFSCME]**

1625 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

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Gerald W. McEntee, International President

**Founding Date:** 1935. **Membership Size:** 1.3 million. **Staff Size:** 500+. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 3,400 local unions, 63 district councils. **Affiliated Organizations:** AFL-CIO, Public Services International, Economic Policy Institute. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** 2002. **Publications:** AFSCME Leader; Public Employee; and Taking Care. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Barbara Coufal, Legislative Affairs Specialist; Sally Tyler, Public Policy Analyst.

**Organizational Purpose:** To promote the organization of workers in general and public employees in particular, to promote the welfare of the membership and to provide a voice in the determination of terms and conditions of employment through the process of collective bargaining, to promote civil service legislation and career services in government, to provide research and educational services and activities designed to assist members and affiliates. **Description:** AFSCME members are employees of state, county and city government, territories, districts, school boards, quasi-public, and nonprofit and tax-exempt agencies. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Fighting privatization of state social services and Medicaid programs; defending and improving Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security; addressing the impact of managed care on quality, accountability and public services; promoting publicly-operated community-based services for persons with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities; addressing the impact of health care industry restructuring on nursing care and the impact of corporatization of health care facilities and services on access and quality; securing better wages and health care coverage for low-wage direct care workers; and promoting publicly operated services in jail diversion programs.

#### **AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION [AGPA]**

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Bonnie J. Buchele, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, President

Marsha S. Block, CAE, Chief Executive Officer

**Founding Date:** 1942. **Membership Size:** 4,000+. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 31. **Affiliated Organizations:** State and regional group psychotherapy societies. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** February 14-19, 2001 in Boston, MA; February 26 - March 3, 2002 in New Orleans, LA. **Publications:** International Journal of Group Psychotherapy and The Group Circle. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Marsha S. Block, CAE, Chief Executive Officer; Michael J. Stiers, PhD, CGP, Public Affairs Committee Member.

**Organizational Purpose:** AGPA is a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to advancing knowledge, research and training in group psychotherapy to benefit the client/patient population. The association promotes quality group psychotherapy care as a primary method of treatment that is

clinically sound, cost-effective and accessible; advances group psychotherapy training and research; provides a network of peer support that serves the needs of group practitioners; advocates for quality care on behalf of its members, patients and the public. **Description:** AGPA serves as the national voice specific to the interests of group psychotherapy. Psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurses, mental health counselors, drug and alcohol counselors and creative arts therapists are part of the AGPA community that has been formulating theory and embracing practice in group psychotherapy since 1942. Members and affiliate societies provide a wealth of professional, educational and social support for group psychotherapists. Publications disseminate the advances in group psychotherapy nationally and internationally. Annual conferences bring together experts in group psychotherapy from all over the world, providing state of the art education and research to these practitioners and sharing with them advocacy issues regarding the mentally ill. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Recognition of group psychotherapy as a core mental health service; credentialing for group psychotherapists; health care reform initiatives, particularly patient and confidentiality protections; behavioral health care research funding; and governmental and mental health organization liaison activities.

### **AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION [AHA]**

#### **Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services**

1 North Franklin, 32nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60606

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Richard Davidson, President

**Founding Date:** AHA in 1898, the Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services in 1969.

**Section Membership Size:** 1,700. **Staff Size:** 1. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** Contacts within each of the 50 state and numerous metropolitan hospital associations that deal with behavioral issues. **Publications:** Membership briefings; Mental Health Care Coverage Issue Brief (1997); Meeting the Needs of People with Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Disorders; Trends in the Delivery of Hospital Based Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services; TEFRA Provider's Guide to Adjustments and Appeals; Substance Abuse Services: A Guide to Planning and Management; The Role of Hospitals in Caring for Pregnant Substance Abusing Women; Guiding Principles on Restraint and Seclusion for Behavioral Health Services (1999). **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Bari Johnson, Director, AHA Member Relations; Curtis Rooney, Senior Associate Director for Congressional and Executive Branch Relations.

**Organizational Purpose:** To promote high quality psychiatric and substance abuse care for all people through the development of public policy, representation and advocacy, and membership services to assist hospitals and health care organizations meet community mental health needs.

**Description:** The section is composed of freestanding specialty hospitals and general hospitals offering psychiatric and/or substance abuse services through inpatient, outpatient and partial hospitalization programs, as well as hospital-based community mental health centers. The section's primary ongoing activities include: representation and advocacy, public policy development and provision of membership services, such as resource tools, to ensure that high quality mental health services are available and accessible to all Americans. The section is guided by a 15-member governing council of nationally-recognized administrators, physicians, nurses and other professionals involved in behavioral health care management. **Priority Issues:** Advocacy for reforming the nation's health care system through the creation of community-based, integrated networks of care, expanding access to care and ensuring fair financing; member services to provide tools to help behavioral health care providers take a leadership role/participate in community-based care networks; and open dialogue and networking opportunities by creating new and stronger relationships with other behavioral health providers.

### **AMERICAN MANAGED BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION [AMBHA]**

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WEB SITE: [www.ambha.org](http://www.ambha.org)

Pamela Greenberg, MPP, Executive Director; Linda Laitner, Chair of Board

**Founding Date:** 1994. **Membership Size:** 9. **Staff Size:** 1. **Annual Convention/Meetings:** Board meetings twice a year. **Publications:** A catalogue of special reports and studies is available. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Pamela Greenberg, MPP, Executive Director.

**Organizational Purpose:** AMBHA's primary objectives are to promote health plan, management agent, and provider accountability through performance measurement; to promote nondiscriminatory coverage of mental illness and addictive disorders in health benefits; to explain the potential and validity of managed care approaches; to support the work of the larger mental illness and addictive disorders communities; to support meaningful consumer rights and protections; and to promote integration of behavioral health care with primary health care. **Description:** AMBHA members collectively provide behavioral health care benefits to over 100 million people. **Priority Issue for 2001:** Mental health parity.

### **AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION [AMHCA]**

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W. Mark Hamilton, PhD, Executive Director; Glenna Wentworth, LPC, CCMHC, President

**Founding Date:** 1976. **Membership Size:** 6,000. **Staff Size:** 5. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 48. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** July 26-28, 2001 in Chicago, IL. **Publications:** Journal of Mental Health Counseling; The Advocate. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Beth Powell, Director, Public Policy and Professional Issues.

**Organizational Purpose:** To enhance the profession of mental health counseling through licensing, advocacy, education, and professional development. **Description:** Members of AMHCA have a master's or doctoral degree in counseling or a related field and have completed a minimum of 2 years post-master's clinical supervision by a licensed or certified mental health professional. Mental health counselors practice in a variety of settings, including hospitals, substance abuse treatment centers, community agencies, and private practice. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Medicare reimbursement for mental health counselors; recognition of mental health counselors by the FFEHBP and other federal programs; federal regulation of managed care plans.

### **AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION [ANA]**

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Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, CNAA, Chief Executive Officer

Mary E. Foley, MS, RN, President

**Founding Date:** 1896. **Membership Size:** 178,000. **Staff Size:** 200. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 50 state and 3 territory constituents. **Affiliated Organizations:** American Nurses Foundation; ANA Political Action Committee; American Nurses Credentialing Center; American Academy of Nursing. **Publications:** Capital Update, a biweekly subscription for legislative and regulatory issues; The American Nurse, bimonthly circulation of nearly 200,000. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Stephanie Reed, Associate Director, Government Affairs

**Organizational Purpose:** The ANA is the only full service professional organization representing the nation's 2.6 million registered nurses through its 53 constituent associations. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the economic and general welfare of nurses in the work place through a comprehensive work place advocacy program, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing to the public, and by working with the U.S. Congress and regulatory agencies on issues affecting nurses and the public. **Description:**

Individual members are registered nurses. Sixty two percent are staff nurses. Members are represented by their state nurses association. ANA is organized as a federation of state nurses associations, working through ANA congresses, committees, councils and ad hoc groups. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Focus on defining and measuring quality of patient care, especially for consumers and in terms of the knowledge and skills of nurses; preserving and extending the roles of nurses in patient care, especially through state and federal health care reform efforts; increased minority recruitment into nursing.

#### **AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION [AOTA]**

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Karen Jacobs, President; Joseph C. Isaacs, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1917. **Membership Size:** 70,000. **Staff Size:** 150. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 52 state associations. **Affiliated Organizations:** American Occupational Therapy Foundation, Committee of State Association Presidents and World Federation of Occupational Therapists. **Publications:** American Journal of Occupational Therapy; and 11 special interest section quarterlies (including mental health, developmental disabilities, school systems and geriatrics); and OT Practice. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Christina Metzler, Director, Federal Affairs; Marian Kavanagh Scheinholtz, Practice Associate.

**Organizational Purpose:** To represent the interests and concerns of occupational therapists and to improve the quality of occupational therapy services. **Description:** Membership includes registered occupational therapists (OTs), certified occupational therapy assistants (OTAs), and occupational therapy students, operating through 50 state associations, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 65 foreign countries. The AOTA has an extensive network of committees and special interest sections, including mental health, all of which have representation at the state level. The state associations and AOTA committees provide an established network for communicating with members through a weekly newsletter, a monthly professional journal, and extensive continuing education activities. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Health care/insurance reform; managed care; patient and provider protections; Medicare, especially mental health coverage and partial hospitalization benefits; implementation of IDEA and children's health and mental health programs; immigration of internationally trained workers; parity legislation (regulation/implementation in the states).

#### **AMERICAN ORTHOPSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION [ORTHO]**

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Joel S. Feiner, MD, President, 2000-01

Oscar Barbarin, PhD, President, 2001-02

**Founding Date:** 1924. **Membership Size:** 4,600. **Staff Size:** 5. **Publications:** American Journal of Orthopsychiatry (AJO); Readings; A Journal of Reviews and Commentary in Mental Health. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Milton F. Shore, PhD, Past President and former editor, AJO.

**Organizational Purpose:** To provide multidisciplinary meeting place for collaborative study on mental health theory, research, practice and policies. **Description:** Members are from the various disciplines within mental health (i.e., psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, nurses). The association holds an annual meeting and policy and advocacy efforts are initiated by Ortho's study groups. **Priority Issues for 2001:** International human rights; continuing work of task force on mental health impact of race-related police violence.

#### **AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION [APA]**

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Steven M. Mirin, MD, Medical Director

**Founding Date:** 1844. **Membership Size:** 42,000. **Staff Size:** 213. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 76. **Publications:** Federal Legislative Newsletter; State Update Newsletter; Psychiatric News; American Journal of Psychiatry; Hospital and Community Psychiatry. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Lizbet Boroughs, Associate Director, Government Relations; Eugene Cassel, Deputy Director, Regulatory Affairs and Deputy Special Counsel; Jay Cutler, Director, Government Relations and Special Counsel; Paula Johnson, Deputy Director, State Affairs; Nicholas Meyers, Deputy Director, Federal Relations; Michael Strazzella, Deputy Director, Congressional Relations; Nancy Trenti, Associate Director, Government Relations; Heather Whyte, State Legislative Field Representative.

**Organizational Purpose:** A medical specialty society, the APA promotes the highest quality diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and care for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded and the emotionally disturbed and facilitates the prevention of such conditions. **Description:** APA members include psychiatric physicians and psychiatric residents. APA objectives: improve the treatment, rehabilitation and care of the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, and the emotionally disturbed; promote research, professional education in psychiatry and allied fields and the prevention of psychiatric disabilities; advance the standards of all psychiatric services and facilities; foster the cooperation of all concerned with the medical, psychological, social and legal aspects of mental health and illness; make psychiatric knowledge available to other practitioners of medicine, scientists in other fields of knowledge, and the public; and promote the best interests of patients and those actually or potentially using of mental health services. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Nondiscriminatory coverage of treatment for mental illness, including substance abuse; sustained growth of funding for psychiatric biomedical and behavior research and services; stringent protection of the medical records privacy, particularly psychotherapy records; elimination of Medicare's discriminatory 50% copayment for outpatient psychiatric treatment; expansion of Medicare coverage of mental health services, including nondiscriminatory coverage of psychotropic medications in any prescription drug benefit and elimination of discriminatory 190-day lifetime reserve limit on inpatient care in psychiatric hospitals; children's health and related issues; Department of Veterans Affairs medical care and health research appropriations; Indian Health Services appropriations; FEHBP parity implementation; enactment of strong laws to protect patients and physicians from abusive managed care practices, specifically including enabling patients to sue health plans for malpractice and establishing nondiscriminatory utilization review criteria.

#### **AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC NURSES ASSOCIATION [APNA]**

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Dorothy Hill, RNC, President

**Founding Date:** 1987. **Membership Size:** 3,860. **Staff Size:** 2. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 32. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 25-28, 2000 in Washington, DC. **Publications:** APNA News newsletter; Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Rob Morrison, Associate Director, Government Affairs Relations; Asua Ofosu, Legislative Specialist.

**Organizational Purpose:** APNA provides leadership to advance psychiatric/mental health nursing practice, improve mental health care for culturally diverse individuals, families, groups and communities and shape health policy for the delivery of mental health services. **Description:** APNA encompasses all levels of psychiatric nursing practice, from the diploma prepared staff nurse to the clinical nurse specialist. 75% of members hold certification. Members practice in a wide variety of capacities and settings throughout the U.S. with such diverse responsibilities and position titles as clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, manager/head nurse, educator, administrator, director or

vice president of nursing, staff nurse, therapist, researcher and consultant. The majority of APNA members specialize in adult mental health, and many are also involved in subspecialties such as substance abuse, geriatric mental health or child and adolescent mental health. Advance practice psychiatric nurses have prescriptive privileges in 36 states. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Seclusion and restraint; reimbursement for services; nursing research; and workforce issues.

#### **AMERICAN PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION [ApsaA]**

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Richard P. Fox, MD, President

**Founding Date:** 1911. **Membership Size:** 3,500. **Staff Size:** 14. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 42 societies, 3 study groups. **Affiliated Organizations:** Fund for Psychoanalytical Research, 42 affiliated societies, 3 study groups, 29 accredited institutes. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** May 2-6, 2001 in New Orleans, LA; December 19-23, 2001 in New York. **Publications:** The American Psychoanalyst; Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association. **Key Members Participating in MHLG:** Robert L. Pyles, MD, Chair, Government Relations and Insurance Committee. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** James Pyles, Washington Representative; Dottie Jeffries, Public Relations; Ellen Fertig, New York office.

**Organizational Purpose:** To study and advance psychoanalysis and psychotherapy, advocate and maintain standards for the training of psychoanalysts and for the practice of psychoanalysis, foster the integration of psychoanalysis with other branches of science, and encourage research in all fields having to do with the scientific knowledge and welfare of man. **Description:** Members are graduates or candidates at accredited institutes. The Board of Directors is an Executive Council, and a Board of Professional Standards sets and maintains standards for training. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Preservation of essential conditions for effective psychoanalysis and intensive psychotherapy; confidentiality, privacy, security and continuity of treatment relationships; patient participation in treatment decisions; freedom of patient and therapist to contract for services on a self-paying basis outside the insurance reimbursement system. Also, mental health care issues including nondiscriminatory coverage for mental illness in health care reform.

#### **AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION [APA]**

750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002  
PHONE: 202/336-5500; FAX: 202/336-6069; WEB SITE: [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)  
Raymond D. Fowler, PhD, Chief Executive Officer  
Norine Johnson, PhD, President

**Founding Date:** 1892. **Membership Size:** 159,000 members and affiliates. **Staff Size:** 540. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 57. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** August 24-28, 2001 in San Francisco, CA. **Publications:** Monitor on Psychology; American Psychologist; The Psychological Science Agenda; Practitioner Focus and other journals, books and newsletters. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Elizabeth Douglas, Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer; Ellen G. Garrison, PhD, Director of Public Interest Policy; Nina Gail Levitt, EdD, Director of Education Policy; Peter Newbould, Director of Congressional Affairs, APA Practice Organization; Douglas Walter, Counsel for Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, APA Practice Organization.

**Organizational Purpose:** To advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare. **Description:** Membership includes researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students working in the full range of academic, government, science and other settings. APA has 53 interest-based divisions dealing with subspecialties of psychology and such issues as child, youth and family services, psychologists in public service and ethnic minority issues. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Consumer protection standards for managed care; parity for mental health and substance abuse services; health insurance reform; Medicare and Medicaid reform; funding for

behavioral research, mental health services, prevention research and services; health and behavior; school mental health services and violence prevention; health professions/minority training; AIDS services, prevention and research; ethnic and cultural minority issues.

#### **ANXIETY DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA [ADAA]**

11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852  
PHONE: 301/231-9350; FAX: 301/231-7392; WEB SITE: [www.adaa.org](http://www.adaa.org)  
Jerilyn Ross, MA, LICSW, President and CEO

**Founding Date:** 1980. **Membership Size:** 3,500. **Staff Size:** 15. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** March 22-25, 2001 in Atlanta, GA. **Publications:** ADAA Reporter (bimonthly newsletter); Special Focus on Anxiety Disorders in Children, Adolescents and Young Adults, 2nd Edition; and a variety of educational booklets. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Michelle Alonso, Projects Manager, External Affairs; Jerilyn Ross, MA, LICSW, President and CEO.

**Organizational Purpose:** ADAA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the prevention and cure of anxiety disorders and to improve the lives of all people who suffer from them. By disseminating information, linking people who need treatment with those who can provide it and advocating for cost-effective treatment, ADAA has made it possible for hundreds of thousands of individuals to benefit from its services and publications. Furthermore, ADAA was established to eliminate the discrimination and stigma often associated with anxiety disorders and to foster both self-help and support for individuals in need. **Description:** The association is made up of professionals who conduct research and treat anxiety disorders, and individuals who have a personal or general interest in learning more about such disorders. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Anxiety disorders and related issues in children, adolescents and young adults; increased funding for research; public education and professional training; minority mental health; health care reform, patients' rights and parity in coverage for mental and physical health.

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY [AAP]**

P.O. Box 38129, Colorado Springs, CO 80937  
PHONE: 719/520-0688; FAX: 719/520-0375  
Stephen M. Pfeiffer, PhD, Executive Director; Jerry Clark, PhD, Board Chair

**Founding Date:** 1974. **Membership Size:** 4,000. **Staff Size:** 2. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** August 25, 2001 in San Francisco, CA. **Publications:** Advance newsletter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Robert S. Nichols, PhD.

**Organizational Purpose:** The purpose of AAP is to promote human welfare through the advancement of the profession and science of psychology. It promotes the interests of all psychologists by means including, but not limited to: representation of psychologists before public and governmental bodies; cooperation with other organizations and agencies in furtherance of the profession and science of psychology; and support and operation of a political committee as a "separate segregated fund" within the meaning of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended. **Description:** Membership is divided into 4 classes: regular, associate, student and organizational. There is one 6-member Board of Trustees serving terms of 4 years. The Chair of the Board and Secretary-Treasurer are elected from and by the Board. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Including a broad range of mental health services in health care reform legislation, covering the continuum of care required by mental health patients; legislation for quality standards on managed care; confidentiality protections for mental health records.

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR AMBULATORY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE [AABH]**

2301 Mount Vernon Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22301  
PHONE: 703/836-2274; FAX: 703/836-0083; WEB SITE: [www.aabh.org](http://www.aabh.org)

**Founding Date:** 1972, formerly the American Association for Partial Hospitalization. **Membership Size:** Approximately 3,200 practitioners in 680 facilities. **Staff Size:** 4. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 23. **Affiliated Organizations:** state/regional organizations. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** August 9-12 in San Antonio, TX. **Publications:** Standards and Guidelines for Partial Hospitalization Programs and Intensive Outpatient Programs; Milieu (monthly newsletter), National Overview of Ambulatory Behavioral Services. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Patricia Scheifler.

**Organizational Purpose:** To promote the evolution of flexible models of responsive, cost-effective behavioral healthcare services. AABH facilitates the exchange of information among front line managers of care. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Medicare partial hospitalization benefit; promoting the continuum of care to policy makers, payers and providers.

#### **BAZELON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH LAW**

1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 1212, Washington, DC 20005  
PHONE: 202/467-5730; FAX: 202/223-0409  
WEB SITE: [www.bazelon.org](http://www.bazelon.org)  
Robert Bernstein, PhD, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1972, formerly the Mental Health Law Project. **Staff Size:** 25. **Publications:** Legislative alerts and public policy reports on key federal and state issues. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Chris Koyanagi, Policy Director; Laurel Stine, Director of Federal Relations.

**Organizational Purpose:** To create opportunities in the community for people with mental disabilities so that they have choices that will enable them to self-determine and live with dignity. **Description:** The Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a national nonprofit advocacy organization, formed in 1972 and until 1993 called the Mental Health Law Project. The Center uses litigation and federal policy reform to define and uphold the legal rights of children, adults and elders with mental disabilities and to create approaches to meeting their needs that will assure them choice and dignity. Staff attorneys provide training and technical assistance to legal services, protection and advocacy and state ombudsman programs and other advocates for low-income individuals and families. Policy staff lobby Congress and federal agencies and provide technical assistance to state-based advocates and policy makers concerning rights of persons with mental illness. The Center publishes issue papers, booklets and manuals explaining and interpreting major federal laws and regulations that protect the rights and make resources available to children and adults with disabilities. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Eliminating criminalization of persons with mental illness; improving Medicaid coverage of mental health; expanding federal funding for community services; improvements in Medicare coverage for mental health services; enactment of legislation to require parity for mental health coverage in private insurance plans; protecting civil rights and autonomous decision making in the community; and protecting access to housing in the community for people with mental disorders.

#### **CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA [CWLA]**

440 First Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20001-2085  
PHONE: 202/638-2952; FAX: 202/638-4004; WEB SITE: [www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org)  
Shay Bilchik, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1920. **Membership Size:** Approximately 1,100 agencies and organizations. **Staff Size:** 100. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 5 regional offices. **Publications:** Children's Monitor (monthly legislative newsletter); Children's Legislative Agenda (annual); Washington Social Legislation Bulletin (SLIS) (semimonthly newsletter); Child Welfare (bimonthly journal); and Child Mental Health FORUM (quarterly newsletter). **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Barbara Allen, Senior Policy Analyst; Steve Hornberger, Director, Behavioral Health.

**Organizational Purpose:** CWLA is a federation of approximately 1,100 public and voluntary child welfare agencies, community-based and regionally organized, that seeks to improve the lives and well-being of abused, neglected, abandoned, homeless and drug-exposed children and families. **Description:** Members are public and voluntary child and family serving agencies. Primary activities include advocacy, program development research, training, and public education efforts to improve the delivery of services to children and families involved with the child welfare system. **Priority Issues:** Mental health services for children and families served by the child welfare system; substance abuse and its impact on the child welfare system; independent living; juvenile justice; and adoption assistance for children with special needs.

### **CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER [CHADD]**

8181 Professional Place, Suite 201, Landover, MD 20785  
PHONE: 301/306-7070; FAX: 301/306-7090; WEB SITE: [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)  
E. Clarke Ross, DPA, Chief Executive Officer  
Beth Kaplanek, RN, National President, Evelyn Green, Med, President-Elect

**Founding Date:** 1987. **Membership Size:** 22,000. **Staff Size:** 20. **State/Local Chapters:** 144. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 17-21, 2001 in Anaheim, CA. **Publications:** Inside CHADD newsletter, Attention! magazine, CHADD Facts information sheets, legislative alerts. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Clarke Ross, CEO; Stephen Spector, Director of Government Relations.

**Organizational Purpose:** CHADD is the leading national nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of individuals with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) through education, research, advocacy and support. **Description:** Members include parents, educators, health care providers, including psychiatrists and pediatricians, clinical psychologists, and neurologists. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Issues related to the reauthorization of IDEA and ESEA; enactment of the Family Opportunity Act; reauthorization of the Mental Health Parity Act; appropriations for CMHS, NIMH, and CDC; and child protections – out-of-home placements, restrictions on access to psychiatric medications and behavioral interventions.

### **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK FEDERATION [CSWF]**

P.O. Box 3740, Arlington, VA 22203  
PHONE: 703/522-3866; FAX: 703/522-9441; WEB SITE: [www.cswf.org](http://www.cswf.org)  
R. Keith Meyers, President

**Founding Date:** 1971 as the National Federation of Societies for Clinical Social Work. **Membership Size:** 10,000. **Staff Size:** 1. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 31. **Affiliated Organizations:** Foundation for the Advancement of Clinical Education and Training (continuing education); American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work (board certification); State Societies for Clinical Social Work (in most states); National Membership Committee on Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work; Family Therapy Practice Academy. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** May 2001 in Washington, DC and October 2001 in Philadelphia, PA. **Publications:** Newsletter to membership, Managed Care News. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Linda O'Leary.

**Organizational Purpose:** To develop and promote appropriate standards of clinical social work training and practice, to press for universal state licensing, and to advance the interests of clinical social workers and their patients in state and federal mental health programs. **Description:** Federation of state organizations whose members are clinical social workers in private settings, clinical settings, public mental health settings, hospitals and schools. **Priority Issues for 2001:** To advance the interest of clinical social workers and their patients in state and federal health care reform initiatives, especially managed care reform and privacy legislation.

### **CORPORATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHIATRY [CAP]**

1400 K Street, NW, Suite 315, Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: 202/682-6320; FAX: 202/682-6287

Robert J. Campbell, MD, President; Jay B. Cutler, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1981. **Membership Size:** 4,000. **Staff Size:** 3. **Publications:** Capital Analysis (quarterly newsletter). **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Jay B. Cutler, Executive Director.

**Organizational Purpose:** To promote social justice and further human welfare through the advancement of psychiatry; advance interests of psychiatry in public forums; represent the interests of psychiatry before legislative and other government bodies. **Description:** Members are usually politically active psychiatrists who promote legislative policy to their Members of Congress. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Nondiscriminatory coverage for mentally ill in health care reform; Medicare coverage of mental illness treatment.

### **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION [EAPA]**

2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22201-3062

PHONE: 703/387-1000; FAX: 703/522-4585

WEB SITE: [www.eap-association.org](http://www.eap-association.org)

Toni Samuel, MPA, Chief Executive Officer

Linda Sturdivont, CEAP, President

**Founding Date:** 1972. **Membership Size:** 7,200. **Staff Size:** 20. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 98. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 27-31, 2001 in Vancouver, British Columbia. **Publications:** EAP Association Exchange; Legislative and Public Policy Newsletter; Employee Assistance Certification Commission's CEAP Matters; Chapter Officer's Newsletter; EA Service Providers List; EA Law Desk Book; membership directory and various publications on topics affecting the field of employee assistance programming. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Sheila Macdonald, Director, Legislative & Public Policy.

**Organizational Purpose:** Represents the employee assistance (EA) profession in the U.S. and internationally through promotion of comprehensive standards of practice, ethics and conduct, and professional certification based on training, experience and education criteria determined by the Employee Assistance Certification Commission (EACC), a group established by EAPA in 1986. The EA professional provides worksite-based services to work organizations, their employees and employee families related to productivity issues including, but not limited to, substance abuse and mental and emotional disorders. **Description:** EAPA is the largest professional membership association representing EA professionals domestically and in 33 countries around the world. EAPA member services include publications, information exchange, access to research data banks, convention and meeting support, certification and recertification services, training and education programs, job bank access, liability insurance, legislative and public policy activities, support for local chapters, and opportunities for professional networking. The membership includes those who provide EAP services, members of related professions and companies. The association is governed by an elected board of directors; the EAPA Board sets policy and provides direction to the association's 20 issue-specific committees. EAPA works with its members to represent their interests before state and federal government bodies; supports the EACC's professional certification and recertification programs; and promotes research on EA-related topics. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Protection of EAP records through changes in federal and state confidentiality laws and court rules; definition of employee assistance programs in federal and state health laws; passage of state Drug Free Workplace laws; passage of mental health and substance abuse treatment parity laws; training members in new DOT drug and alcohol testing rules.

### **FEDERATION OF BEHAVIORAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES [FBPCS]**

750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242

PHONE: 202/336-5920; FAX: 202/336-5953

WEB SITE: [www.thefederationonline.org](http://www.thefederationonline.org)

David H. Johnson, PhD, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1980. **Membership Size:** 19 societies and 150 university departments. **Staff Size:** 3. **Affiliated Organizations:** American Psychological Association and regional psychological associations. **Publications:** Monthly Federation News; Science and Public Policy Seminar transcripts; books. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Patrice O'Toole, Assistant Director.

**Organizational Purpose:** To educate Members of Congress and their staff members about behavioral and social science research and its usefulness in addressing national problems; to advocate for legislative and regulatory measures that facilitate behavioral and social science research; and to inform its members about federal policies that affect education and research so they can be effective participants in the public policy process. **Description:** FBPCS members are behavioral and social science professional organizations and graduate departments of psychology and education. Activities include science and public policy seminars that bring top behavioral and social scientists to Capitol Hill for discussion of recent research and its applications to current policy issues; Forum for Research Management, which includes agency officials and university researchers who discuss management problems in government/industry/university relationships and enterprises; and an animal research committee, which educates organizations about the humane use of animals in research. FBPCS is governed by an executive and council committee that meets annually to set budget, policies and procedures. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Inclusion of behavioral and social scientists in all NIH-related research; establishment of strong links between service delivery and service delivery research at/between SAMHSA and the three institutes (NIAAA, NIDA, NIMH); monitoring federal legislation; preservation of funding for behavioral and social sciences research.

### **FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH [FFCMH]**

1101 King Street, Suite 420, Alexandria, VA 22314

PHONE: 703/684-7710; FAX: 703/836-1040; WEB SITE: [www.ffcmh.org](http://www.ffcmh.org)

Barbara Huff, Executive Director; Gail Daniels, Board President

**Founding Date:** 1988. **Membership Size:** 7,000. **Staff Size:** 20. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 150. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** November 29-December 2, 2001 in Washington, DC. **Publications:** Claiming Children, newsletter published three times a year in English and Spanish. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Barbara Huff, Executive Director; Trina Osher, Coordinator of Policy & Research.

**Organizational Purpose:** To provide leadership in the field of children's mental health; address the unique needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders from birth through transition to adulthood; ensure the rights to full citizenship, support and access to community-based services for children with mental health needs and their families; and provide information and engage in advocacy regarding research, prevention, early intervention, family support, education, transition services and other supports needed by children and youth with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders and their families. **Description:** National parent-run organization. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Custody relinquishment; restraints and seclusion; mental health in the juvenile justice system; maintaining a free appropriate public education (FAPE); expanding family network grants; fully funding children's mental health programs; integrated services for youth with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders; coordinated services and supports for adults with mental health issues who are raising children with mental health issues; transition from children's to adult services systems.

### **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION**

### **SERVICES [IAPSRs]**

10025 Governor Warfield Parkway, #301  
Columbia, MD 21044-3357  
PHONE: 410/730-7190; FAX: 410/730-5965; WEB SITE: www.iapsrs.org  
Ruth A. Hughes, PhD, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1975. **Membership Size:** 1,600. **Staff Size:** 8. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 32 US chapters and 3 Canadian. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** May 7-11, 2001 in Houston, TX. **Publications:** Introduction to Psychiatric Rehabilitation; Readings in Dual Diagnosis; Consumers as Providers in Psychiatric Rehabilitation; Best Practices in Psychosocial Rehabilitation; Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal; PSR Connection newsletter; IAPSRs Organizational Bulletins and Public Policy Alerts. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Paul Seifert, Director of Government Affairs and Public Relations.

**Organizational Purpose:** IAPSRs is an organization of psychosocial rehabilitation agencies, practitioners, and interested organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting, supporting, and strengthening community oriented rehabilitation services and resources for persons with psychiatric disabilities. **Description:** Information dissemination, training, research and public policy concerning psychosocial rehabilitation, and services for persons with serious and persistent mental illness are the primary activities of the association. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Improving and advancing psychiatric rehabilitation services in federal programs for people with mental illness. Specific issue areas include: Housing, Medicare/Medicaid, managed care, SSI/SSDI, employment services and vocational rehabilitation.

### **MENTALHEALTHAMERICA, INC. [MHA]**

2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036  
PHONE: 202/416-1651; FAX: 202/833-3843  
WEB SITE: www.mhAmerica.org; Paul Weaver, PhD, National Chair

**Founding Date:** 1999. **Membership Size:** 19 member steering committee representing an estimated 7 million consumers in the public sector. **Staff Size:** 3.5. **Affiliated Organizations:** Center for Mental Health Studies, Inc.; various consumer organizations. **Publications:** The MentalHealthAmerican; MHAmerican Online. **Staff participating in MHLG:** Paul Weaver, National Chair.

**Organizational Purpose:** To help consumers participate as citizens; to inform consumers about what is going on in Washington, DC -- CMHS, NIMH, Congress, NAMI, APA, etc.; to conduct training to help consumers learn how to work with the media and state legislators. **Description:** Preparing "Citizenship" curriculum; publishing "The MentalHealthAmerican;" participating in National Consumer Summit and continuing efforts; working with various states' Congressional delegations. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Social security issues; patient rights, informed consent, seclusion and restraint, privacy and confidentiality, research subject protection issues.

### **NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL [NAMI]**

Colonial Place Three, 2107 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201-3042  
PHONE: 703/524-7600; FAX: 703/524-9094; WEB SITE: www.nami.org  
Richard Birkel, PhD, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1979. **Membership Size:** 210,000. **Staff Size:** 60. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 1,200. **Affiliated Organizations:** NARSAD; all state and local Alliances. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** July 11-14, 2001 in Washington, DC. **Publications:** NAMI Advocate. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Kim Encarnation, Federal Affairs Representative; Ron Honberg, Deputy

Executive Director for Legal Affairs; Chris Marshall, Federal Affairs Representative; Andrew Sperling, Director, Public Policy.

**Organizational Purpose:** To eradicate serious brain disorders and improve the quality of life for persons of all ages who are affected by these diseases. **Description:** Comprised of 1,200 state and local AMIs; state and local AMIs are the grassroots advocacy of NAMI. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Medicaid/managed care; patient rights; research on severe mental illness; reduction in life threatening and harmful actions (restraints and seclusion); accountability for service delivery; extension and expansion of Mental Health Parity Act of 1996; work incentives; housing; decriminalization of mental illness; Medicare prescription drugs; integrated treatment for persons with co-occurring mental and addictive disorders; veterans with mental illness.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL MENTAL HEALTH [NARMH]**

3700 West Division Street, Suite 105, St. Cloud, MN 56301

PHONE: 320/202-1820; FAX: 320/202-1833

WEB SITE: [www.narmh.org](http://www.narmh.org)

Peter G. Beeson, PhD, President

**Founding Date:** 1977. **Membership Size:** 300+ individuals, 125 organizations. **Staff Size:** 1. **Publications:** Rural Mental Health. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Harold Goldsmith, Government Affairs Liaison in Washington, DC; Don Sawyer, Board Member in New York.

**Organizational Purpose:** Provides rural providers, consumers and advocates a forum to share problems, find solutions and work cooperatively, and to improve rural mental health services; improves delivery of mental health services in rural areas; reduces inequities in the delivery of rural mental health services via promotion and advocacy; develops educational resources and disseminates information on rural mental health; sponsors an annual national rural mental health conference to link rural professionals and provide rural education. **Description:** NARMH membership is diverse, representing direct care, policy, academic, hospital and community based organizations, as well as individuals involved in professional practice in rural mental health. The organization provides a forum for the identification of rural mental health issues and problems, shares innovative solutions and model programs, and speaks with a shared voice on issues of rural mental health concern. NARMH's values include partnership, diversity, education, advocacy and innovation. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Increasing consumer and family involvement in the development and implementation of rural mental health services; ensuring that rural mental health professionals develop and maintain a high level of clinical service delivery, practice management and cultural competence; increasing understanding of the costs associated with providing rural mental health services, dissemination of the successes of rural mental health models, as well as communicating how changes in public policy or financing affect rural mental health; and connecting the rural mental health community electronically, organizationally and politically.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ANOREXIA NERVOSA AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS**

**[ANAD]** Box 7, Highland Park, IL 60035

PHONE: 847/831-3438; FAX: 847/433-4632

WEB SITE: [www.anad.org](http://www.anad.org)

Vivian Hanson Meehan, President

**Founding Date:** 1976. **Membership Size:** 15,000+. **Staff Size:** 10. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 400+ national and international chapters. **Publications:** Working Together, newsletter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Sheila Dearybury in Washington, DC; Christopher Athas, Vice President and Judy Tepfer, Director of Legislative Affairs in Illinois.

**Organizational Purpose:** ANAD is a national/international educational and advocacy organization dedicated to helping sufferers of eating disorders and their families and working to prevent eating

disorders; research; undertakes and supports training of professionals; fights insurance and job discrimination. **Description:** ANAD members include concerned individuals, health care professionals, support group leaders and members and resource people. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Mental health parity legislation which includes eating disorders; appropriations for eating disorders research and prevention; education/prevention programs; development of ANAD support groups.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS [NACBHD]**

1555 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202/234-7543; FAX: 202/462-9043

Thomas E. Bryant, MD, JD, Executive Director; William P. Harper, President

**Founding Date:** 1996. **Membership Size:** 320. **Staff Size:** 2. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 14. **Affiliated Organization:** County Behavioral Health Institute. **Publications:** The NACBHD Bulletin. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Thomas E. Bryant, MD, JD, Executive Director; Lauren Wolfe, Deputy Executive Director.

**Organizational Purpose:** NACBHD works to promote excellence in the delivery of county/local behavioral health services. **Description:** County/local behavioral health care authorities (MH/DD/SA); state associations in the states in which counties have statutory responsibility for these systems; interested professionals. Two conferences each year, newsletter, membership information exchange. **Priority Issues for 2001:** National behavioral health policy; maintain and increase funding levels of mental health and substance abuse block grants; encouraging HCFA to adopt a more flexible designation of consumer choice of plans.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCILS [NAMHPAC]**

1021 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

PHONE: 703/838-7522; FAX: 703/684-5968; WEB SITE: [www.namhpac.org](http://www.namhpac.org)

Charles Ingoglia, Executive Director; Joseph N. de Raismes, Board Chair

**Founding Date:** 1996. **Membership Size:** 54 councils. **Staff Size:** 1.5 **Publications:** Public Policy Updates. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Charles Ingoglia, Executive Director; Melanie Lewis, Program Coordinator.

**Organizational Purpose:** NAMHPAC is committed to the development of a comprehensive, accessible and flexible community-based system of mental health care that is driven by consumers of mental health services, their families and parents of children with serious emotional disturbance. Mental health planning and advisory councils must play a central role in the realization of this mission. **Description:** Membership is open to all mental health planning and advisory councils in all states and territories. Ongoing activities of the association are related to the development, evaluation and communication of ideas about mental health planning, advocacy and evaluation of mental health systems. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Criminal and juvenile justice issues; integration of services for persons with mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse problems; Olmstead planning and implementation.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS [NAPAS]**

900 2nd Street, NE, Suite 211, Washington, DC 20002

PHONE: 202/408-9514; FAX: 202/408-9520;

WEB SITE: [www.protectionandadvocacy.com](http://www.protectionandadvocacy.com)

Curtis L. Decker, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1983. **Membership Size:** 90 member agencies. **Staff Size:** 19. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 57 PADD, 56 CAP, 56 PAIMI, 56 PAIR. **Publications:** ATTAC Update,

NAPAS Annual Report. **Annual Convention/ Meeting:** June 2-4, 2000 in Washington, DC. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Curtis L. Decker, Executive Director; Elaine Mbionwu, Sr. Public Policy Analyst; Jim Ward, Director of Public Policy.

**Organizational Purpose:** NAPAS represents the interests of Protection and Advocacy Programs (P&As) and Client Assistance Programs (CAPs), as well as furthering the rights of persons with disabilities. NAPAS provides training and technical assistance to the P&As and CAPs. **Description:** Protection and Advocacy agencies are authorized under relevant legislation. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act rules and regulations; SAMHSA reauthorization; appropriations; voters' rights and access; technology related assistance for IDEA reauthorization.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH SYSTEMS [NAPHS]**

325 Seventh Street, NW, Suite 625, Washington, DC 20004-2802  
PHONE: 202/393-6700; FAX: 202/783-6041; WEB SITE: www.naphs.org  
Mark Covall, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1933. **Membership Size:** 300+ behavioral health organizations. **Staff Size:** 5. **Affiliated Organizations:** Association of Behavioral Group Practices. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** NAPHS/ABGP Annual Meeting April 23-24, 2001, in Washington, DC. **Publications:** CEO Forecast, a weekly executive briefing; annual survey; membership roster.

**Organizational Purpose:** The NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable and clinically effective prevention, treatment and care for children, adolescents and adults with mental and substance use disorders. **Description:** Members operate psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric units in general hospitals, behavioral group practices, youth services programs, outpatient programs, partial hospitalization programs, substance abuse treatment programs and residential treatment programs. Ongoing activities include legislation, education and JCAHO-sponsored programs. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Medicare; expanding access and coverage for youth; Medicaid; and mental health parity.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR CHILDREN [NAPTCC]**

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PHONE: 202/857-9735; FAX: 202/362-5145  
Joy Midman, Executive Director; Denis McCarville, President

**Founding Date:** 1985. **Membership Size:** 75 provider organizations. **Staff Size:** 2. **Annual Convention/Meetings:** Annual Meeting May 20-23, 2001 in Washington, DC; fall technical meeting TBD. **Publications:** Friday Facts, weekly member newsletter; membership directory. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Pat Johnston, Director of Member Services; Joy Midman, Executive Director.

**Organizational Purpose:** To promote the availability and delivery of appropriate and relevant services to children and adolescents with, or at risk of, serious emotional disturbances and their families. Advocate for the full array of mental health and related services necessary, the development and use of assessment and outcome tools based on functional as well as clinical indicators, and the elimination of categorical funding barriers. **Description:** Treatment centers and programs for children and adolescents, providing a full array of mental health and related services including residential treatment, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient treatment, therapeutic foster care, group homes, independent living programs, in-home treatment, intensive case management, and accredited education, special education and alternative education programs. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Comprehensive children's mental health initiatives; Family Opportunity Act; Medicaid; Title IV-E; restraint and seclusion policies and procedures; juvenile justice issues; IDEA and ESEA; NAPTCC's Results-Based Treatment Initiative.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS [NASP]**

4340 East West Highway, Suite 402, Bethesda, MD 20814  
PHONE: 301/657-0270; FAX: 301/657-0275; WEB SITE: www.naspweb.org  
Susan Gorin, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1968. **Membership Size:** 22,500. **Staff Size:** 25. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 52 state associations. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** April 17-21, 2001 in Washington, DC. **Publications:** School Psychology Review, quarterly journal; Communique, monthly newsletter; more than 30 books, pamphlets and software. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Ted Feinberg, Assistant Executive Director; Libby Kuffner Nealis, Director of Public Policy.

**Organizational Purpose:** Serve the mental health and educational needs of all children and youth. Encourage professional growth. Inform the public about school psychology and advance the standards of school psychology. **Description:** Primarily school psychology practitioners within the public schools and other settings. Volunteer-driven organization with elected executive board and delegate assembly representing each state and the District of Columbia. **Priority Issues for 2001:** IDEA implementation; mental health services for children; school safety; youth violence prevention; ESEA; federal education budget; state issues to help increase availability of services; media responsibility; health care reform.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS [NASW]**

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PHONE: 202/408-8600; FAX: 202/336-8311  
Toby Weismiller, ACSW, Interim Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1955. **Membership Size:** 155,000. **Staff Size:** 140. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 56. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** TBD. **Publications:** numerous books, videotapes and periodicals. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Nancy Bateman, Senior Staff Associate; Francesca Fierro O'Reilly, Senior Government Relations Associate.

**Organizational Purpose:** To advance the quality of social work practice and to enhance the effective functioning and well-being of individuals, families and communities through advocacy. **Description:** NASW members are professional social workers who work worldwide in a variety of practice settings. Primary activities include development of professional standards, legislative and political action, policy analysis and dissemination, public service, membership services and publishing. NASW is governed by an elected Delegate Assembly and a National Board of Directors. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Health and mental health; civil rights; education; the uninsured.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS [NASMHPD]**

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PHONE: 703/739-9333; FAX: 703/548-9517  
Robert W. Glover, PhD, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1963. **Membership Size:** 55. **Staff Size:** 14. **Affiliated Organizations:** NASMHPD Research Institute, National Governors' Association. **Annual Convention/Meetings:** July 2001 in Minneapolis, MN. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Meighan Belsley, Associate to the Executive Director; Andy Hyman, JD, Director, Government Relations; Andrea Sheerin, Policy Associate.

**Organizational Purpose:** To improve the quality and effectiveness of the public mental health system; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure that state mental health

agencies have a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system. **Description:** NASMHPD members are the 55 state and territorial executive managers of mental health programs. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Community Mental Health Services Block Grant; criminalization of persons with mental illness; cultural competence; and co-occurring disorders.

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE [NCCBH]**

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Charles Ray, President & Chief Executive Officer

**Founding Date:** 1969, formerly the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers, later known as the National Community Mental Healthcare Council. **Membership Size:** 750+ member agencies. **Staff Size:** 19. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 46. **Affiliated Organizations:** Division of State Associations; and Association of Behavioral Healthcare Management, an individual membership organization. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** March 31-April 3, 2001, in Portland, OR. **Publications:** National Council News (monthly); Public Policy Report (monthly); Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research (quarterly); advisories and alerts on advocacy issues on a frequent but irregular basis. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Jason Hill, Associate Director, Government Relations; Tom Leibfried, Vice President, Government Relations; Pope Simmons, Sr. Vice President, Government Relations.

**Organizational Purpose:** To promote the development of community behavioral health services through collective national advocacy. Also, to serve the business, technical and educational needs of provider members. **Description:** Members include service providers and state-level associations of service providers and provider networks. All members advocate expansion of community behavioral health services. Most members' primary mission is service delivery. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Medicaid; appropriations; housing; SAMHSA issues; employment; education; addictions; parity; rural health; and issues concerning co-occurring disorders.

### **NATIONAL DEPRESSIVE AND MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION** **[National DMDA]**

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PHONE: 312/642-0049; FAX: 312/642-7243; WEB SITE: www.ndmda.org  
Donald G. Jacob, EdD, President; Lydia Lewis, Executive Director

**Founding Date:** 1986. **Constituency:** 65,000. **Staff Size:** 13. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** More than 400 across the US and Canada. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** August 17-19, 2001 in Cleveland, OH. **Publications:** Chapter Directory; quarterly newsletter; bookstore catalog; free public information packets; brochures; videos. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Matthew Glover, External Relations Director in Chicago; Matt Gelman and Kristin Leary at podesta.com in Washington, DC.

**Organizational Purpose:** The largest patient-directed, illness-specific organization in the nation, its mission is to educate patients, families, professionals and the public concerning the nature of depressive and manic-depressive illnesses as treatable medical diseases; to foster self-help for patients and families; to eliminate discrimination and stigma; to improve the access to care; and to advocate for research toward the elimination of these illnesses. **Description:** Members are people who have experienced depression (unipolar) or manic-depression (bipolar), and their families and friends, health care professionals who deal with all aspects of the illness, and concerned citizens in all walks of life. National DMDA has an administrative Board of Directors and a 65 member Scientific Advisory Board. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Eliminating stigma; achieving parity in access and insurance; increasing funding for mental health research; protecting patient confidentiality; managed care reform; addressing medical errors; informed consent; supporting treatment for co-occurring illnesses; implementing FDA reform; and ensuring adequate disability benefit coverage.

**NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION [NMHA]**

1021 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

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Michael Faenza, President/CEO

**Founding Date:** 1909. **Membership Size:** 500,000. **Staff Size:** 125. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** approximately 340. **Affiliated Organizations:** State and local mental health associations. **Publications:** Legislative Alert, NMHA Prevention Update, The Bell, National Consumer Update, Depression Education Campaign Update. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Frances Andrew, Assistant Director of Government Affairs; Kirsten Beronio, Senior Director, Federal Relations; Ralph Ibson, Vice President, Government Affairs; Allyson Kenyon, Government Affairs Associate; Andrea Price, Senior Director, Legislative Affairs.

**Organizational Purpose:** To change public attitudes towards mental illness, to improve services to people who suffer from them, to promote mental health and, ultimately, to prevent mental illness. **Description:** NMHA volunteers all over the country work to meet the mental health needs of their communities through support groups, community outreach/education, information and referral programs and patient advocacy. Nationally, NMHA works with the media to keep the public informed about mental illness and mental health, with the federal government to promote research and services, and with other organizations to ensure that the nation's mental health needs are understood and addressed. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Comprehensive parity for mental health and substance abuse services; consumer protection in managed care; children's mental health; Medicaid and Medicare reform; and combating the criminalization of people with mental illness.

**TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION [TSA]**

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WEB SITE: www.tsa-usa.org

Judit Ungar, Executive Director; Paul Devore, Board Chair

**Founding Date:** 1972. **Membership Size:** 40,000. **Staff Size:** 22. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 45. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** November 1-3, 2001 in Alexandria, VA. **Publications:** TSA national newsletter; TSA children's newsletter; TSA Chapter Connection; Medical Research Letter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Ilsa Bush, Board Member.

**Organizational Purpose:** Education, service and research. **Description:** There are approximately 300 support groups organized under state/local chapters, comprised of adults and children with Tourette Syndrome, parents and other family members of children with Tourette Syndrome, physicians, researchers, allied professionals and educators. **Priority Issues for 2001:** Patients' rights, mental health parity, genetic information protection, IDEA funding and implementation, and NIH funding.