

Merrimack Special Education Support Group
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Topic: Learning The Signs: An Information Session on Children's Mental Health

Claudia Ferber, Director, Child and Family Programs for the National Alliance on Mental Illness NH (NAMI NH), was the evening's featured speaker. The workshop was designed to help provide parents, educators and school personnel an opportunity to gain knowledge about SED (serious emotional disorders), the signs and symptoms they may see in the classroom/school settings and learn how they can help the child manage the symptoms and behaviors that impede their participation in the learning process.

Ms. Ferber talked about understanding the importance of early identification and intervention. She discussed the importance of knowing the signs and symptoms of various common serious emotional disorders. She emphasized the importance of working with the family as partners in the educational process as well as gaining a better understanding about the barriers to treatment.

More information about the National Alliance on Mental Illness can be obtained at:

<http://www.naminh.org/>