

2006 West Virginia Leadership Academy Conference
"RECOVERY EMPOWERMENT: COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY THROUGH LEADERSHIP"
December 15-17, 2006 - Cedar Lakes Conference Center - Ripley, WV

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2006 WV Leadership Academy Conference

"Recovery Empowerment: Collective Advocacy Through Leadership"



Featuring Keynote Speaker

Paul Abrams

The Leadership Academy Conference is an opportunity to strengthen community relationships and improve skills and supports.

Gathering in the city of Ripley this conference offers many exciting possibilities for sharing recovery-oriented ideas in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

December 15 - 17, 2006
Cedar Lakes Conference Center
Route 21 Ripley, WV

This event is made possible by the West Virginia Mental Health Consumers' Association, and Mental Health Block Grant funds.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

2006 WV Leadership Academy Conference
Friday, December 15th through
Sunday, December 17th, 2006



Located in Ripley, West Virginia, our annual conference will be held at Cedar Lakes Conference Center.

COST

The price of the three day conference includes: two nights double occupancy lodging, breakfast, luncheon plenary, evening networking event, and conference fees.

3-Day Conference

\$150 per person (pre-registered by 11/24)

\$170 (at door)

Saturday Only (no lodging)

\$60 per person

See registration form on reverse side



We are honored to have
Paul Abrams
speaking on
"Empowerment"



Our guest speaker, Paul Abrams, currently resides in Charlottesville, Virginia, and has thirty years of recovery from addiction. Mr. Abrams personally used REBT in his recovery from major depression and generalized anxiety. He has three grown children, a grand-daughter, is an avid golfer and musician, and loves the WV Mountaineers.

Working with at-risk adolescents, Paul now counsels at an alternative public school. He has experience providing therapy in community agencies, correctional centers, private practice, and public schools.

Mr. Abrams is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) with expertise in the use of Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT). It is a self-help method for developing empowerment, acceptance and emotional self control. Mr. Abrams received his master's degree in counseling from West Virginia Graduate College.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE NORTH:

- Take Exit 132 off I-77
- At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on Route 21 North
- Go underneath the Intersection
- Make first right onto Cedar Lakes Drive (Burger King)
- Cedar Lakes Conference Center is 3.5 miles on the right

FROM THE SOUTH:

- Take Exit 132
- At bottom of exit ramp, make a right on Route 21 North
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Cedar Lakes Conference Center
HC 88, Box 21
Ripley, WV 25271
Phone: 304-372-7860
Email: info@cedarlakes.com

Cedar Lakes Conference Center is a non-smoking facility. Any charges associated with smoking is the sole responsibility of the participant.

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- *Effective Listening*
- *WRAP Facilitator Tips*
- *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Policy Advocates and Effectively Identifying Issues*
- *WRAP for Work*
- *Communication Skills*
- *People First Language*
- *Voyage to Wellness*
- *Working with Culturally Diverse Populations*
- *Fighting Stigma as a Tool to Achieve Transformation of the Mental Health System*
...and many more!

Friday December 15- 7:00-8:30
Peer Support Specialist
Caucus

Conference Registration Information:

Friday December 15th
12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Saturday December 16th
8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Sunday December 17th
12:00 p.m. - Conference Ends

SPECIAL EVENTS:



Join us for Evening Networking Events
6:00 p.m. Friday December 15th
6:00 p.m. Saturday December 16, 2006

Join DJ Awesome Arlo

Friday December 15, 9:00 to 11:00 p.m.
Karaoke

Saturday December 16, 8:00 p.m. to ?
Dance

A limited number of Partial Scholarships are available through WVMHCA

For scholarship applications, contact:
 Kelly Lane
 Leadership Academy Coordinator
 1-800-598-8847 Ext. 29

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration forms must be postmarked by Friday, November 24, 2006.

Clip and mail this form with payment to:

WV Mental Health Consumers' Association
 Attn: Kelly Lane, Leadership Academy Coordinator
 PO BOX 11000
 Charleston, West Virginia 25339

 Name

 Address

 City, State, Zip Code

 Area Code and Phone Number

Please Check Preference:

___ \$150 Pre-registration per person
 3-Day Conference, includes double room lodging, workshop materials, and on site meals Dec. 15-17. (\$170 registration at door)

___ \$60 One-Day Attendance Saturday, Dec. 16th only, includes Keynote Lunch & Awards Dinner

Specify room-mate: *(if applicable)*:

Identify Any Special Accommodations Needed: