Serving Early Psychosis Populations

The Family Experience and
What National Alliance on Mental Illness Can Do
My Family’s Experience

- Psychiatric services for children and youth over the last five decades (two generations for my family).
- University of California at San Diego C.A.R.E. study for last 15 years.
- MHSA-funded FEP program about the last 5 years.
- Early intervention does not guarantee prevention!
What NAMI Can Do

- Why programming differs from that for adults.
- Nation-wide programs
  - NAMI Basics (education in small groups)
  - Ending the Silence (presentations in schools)
  - Parents & Teachers as Allies (presentations in schools)
- New ventures by one NAMI affiliate.
- How other California affiliates can adopt/adapt the same model.
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