



Alaska Peer Partnership Conference 2011

Peer Powered Systems

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Featured Speakers



Mary O'Hagan has a mental health service user background. She initiated the mental health service user movement in New Zealand in the late 1980s, and was the first chairperson of the World Federation of Psychiatric Users between 1991 and 1995.



Dr. George P. Charles' academic background and interests include Native American religious traditions and philosophy. Dr. Charles supervises the administrative functions of the Native Resource Center and implements the recommendations from the Joint Advisory Committee.



Larry Fricks is internationally known for his work designing the first Medicaid-billable certified peer specialists program in the U.S. during his nearly 13 years as director of Georgia's Office of Consumer Relations and Recovery in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases.

David Granirer, counselor, stand-up comic, and author of *The Happy Neurotic: How Fear and Angst Can Lead to Happiness and Success*, created and leads *Stand Up For Mental Health*. David teaches stand-up comedy to people with mental illness as a way of building their confidence and fighting public stigma, prejudice, and discrimination.



Slade Martin, youth advocate, "Facing Foster Care". Slade Martin spent the majority of his adolescence in the Alaska foster care system. During this time, he experienced homelessness, diagnoses, medications, therapy, multiple placements, and more. Throughout his experiences as a foster child and afterwards, he saw the dire need for change in the system. He does not want others to go through the same situations he experienced.

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