

Do You Have A Story to Tell About Living with a Person Who Has a Dual Diagnosis (IDD/MI)?
The NADD Family Issues Committee is seeking papers for a book to help families and professionals better understand the challenges and ways to conquer them!

All lengths will be considered!
Confidentiality and Anonymity will be respected.

Assistance and support are available—just let us know!

Possible topics include:

- What is your story?
- When were you first aware that your child was different or that the child had problems?
- What were your reactions upon learning that your child had a disability? Has that reaction changed over time? How?
- How have you dealt with your feelings about your child's disability?
- Did your child and/or the family encounter stigma concerning your child's disability?
- Give a brief description of your child, including some of the things that make your child special.
- What was your experience of dealing with medical/behavioral health personnel concerning your child?
- What was your experience trying to get appropriate services for your child?
- What challenges did you encounter concerning school and education?
- If your child is an adult, what challenges did you encounter concerning: medical and mental health services; housing; employment; day programs?
- What was your experience dealing with family and friends? What was most helpful? What was least helpful?
- Did having a child with a disability has an impact on marital relations? How did it impact family dynamics?
- Was there an impact on siblings of the child who has a disability?
- What lessons have you learned? What advise might you want to share with others?
- What were your strategies, successful and not successful, to build partnerships with service providers?
- How did you develop advocacy skills? Did this change over your child's lifetime?

- How did you manage issues of compliance or non-compliance with providers?
Do you have any stories to share?
- How did you manage the stressors related to supporting a loved one with a dual diagnosis?
- How did you insure your family values and culture were integrated into the care your loved one received?
- Do you have a story of hope to share?

Important Date: Submissions Due by January 1, 2015

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Book Theme: Building Bridges Between Families, Communities and Providers

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