



MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

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MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING WELCOMES JEANNIE RITTER AS KEYNOTE

Fourteenth Annual Legislative Education Day Promotes Mental Health Advocacy

DENVER, Colo. February 2, 2007 – **The Mental Health Association of Colorado (MHAC)** announces it's 14th Annual Legislative Education Day, Friday, February 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Adam's Mark Hotel, downtown Denver. The theme of this year's training is *Make Mental Health A Priority*. Colorado's new First Lady, Jeannie Ritter, will be the lunchtime keynote speaker. She will share her experiences and passion for mental health as well as her outlook for the future of mental health and wellness in Colorado.

"Because 1 in 5 people in our state are affected by a mental health issue at any given time, we believe that voters should have the best information about 2007 legislation and, most importantly, know how to effectively advocate for themselves and the mental health issues that affect them," states **Jeanne M. Rohner, President & CEO of the Mental Health Association of Colorado**.

The training is open to the public and Legislators are invited to network and discuss topics with their constituents during the luncheon and keynote beginning at noon. Other topics of focus this year are grassroots advocacy and discussion of legislation affecting mental healthcare.

Legislative hosts of this year's program include:

Speaker of the House Andrew Romanoff
Senator Moe Keller
Senator Steve Johnson
Representative Anne McGihon
Representative Debbie Stafford
Representative Nancy Todd

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About the Mental Health Association of Colorado

The Mental Health Association of Colorado, the Colorado affiliate of the National Mental Health Association, is the catalyst and voice for the Colorado mental health movement. Through Education, Advocacy and Outreach, we provide resources to Coloradoans affected by the entire spectrum of mental health issues.



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