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### **AKA Hartford and NAMI Connecticut Announces a July Mental Health Forum**

Hartford, CT—The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connecticut and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® (AKA) have continued their partnership to work toward the expansion of mental health education and awareness in local communities and on college and university campuses throughout the nation.

The NAMI Connecticut and Epsilon Omicron Omega Chapter of AKA will sponsor a Mental Health Forum on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Northend Senior Center, 80 Coventry Street, Hartford, CT. The focus of this forum is a dialogue about mental health needs within communities of color facilitated by Ayana Jordan, M.D./Ph.D, Assistant Professor - Yale School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. The forum will also include an interactive wellness presentation provided by Shawntell Layaw, a certified yoga instructor. Information booths with resource materials addressing community education, support groups, advocacy, networks of care and other related areas will be available during the forum.

The forum is free of charge and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served and registration is requested by or before July 24, 2017 at <https://mental-health-matters.eventbrite.com>

#### **About National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connecticut**

For more than thirty years NAMI Connecticut has offered support, education and advocacy to improve the lives of individuals, including children, and their families, affected by mental illness. For more information, see [www.namict.org](http://www.namict.org).

#### **About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA)**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of more than 283,000 members in 987 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Dubai, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, and South Africa. Led by International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.” For more information about Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit [www.akahartford.org](http://www.akahartford.org).

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