## Rural Mental Health Connections Webinar Series Managing Mental Illness in Rural America Presented by Rural Minds and the National Grange Presenting Sponsor: Janssen Neuroscience

This one-hour, moderated webinar will present one woman's lived experience with managing her adult son's mental illness and overcoming barriers to mental healthcare in rural Wisconsin, and a community psychiatrist sharing her expertise treating patients in rural America.

This conversation will address rural lifestyle barriers/ challenges to accessing mental health that include:

- Difficulty getting an appointment with limited availability of mental health professionals
- Lack of internet service for online video or telehealth appointments; 22% to 28% of homes in rural America lack access to broadband internet
- Time and transportation required for long-distance travel to meet with a mental health professional
- Potential lack of confidentiality in a small, close-knit community

### Wednesday, November 8, 2023 7 PM ET | 6 PM CT | 5 PM MT | 4 PM PT

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If this is a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

# We invite you to join us for this FREE educational event featuring:

- Chrisa Hickey is an author, speaker, and advocate specializing in supporting families raising children with serious mental illnesses like childhood onset schizophrenia, childhood onset bipolar disorder and severe depression. Chrisa began her advocacy work when her son, Timothy, was diagnosed with schizophrenia at the age of eleven.
- Monica Taylor-Desir, MD, MPH is a psychiatrist with the department of Psychiatry and Psychology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and has served rural and tribal communities for more than 25 years.
- Julie Lux Rural Minds Vice President of Communications, will be moderating the webinar

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