NAMI Tri-Valley has invited three very knowledgeable individuals to offer their expertise and answer questions you may have about advocating for families of children diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder. Many people associate serious mental illnesses and/or serious emotional disturbances with teens and adults. However, some children as young as 4 years old are being diagnosed with a variety of brain disorders and, with the right support systems, are able to better their lives.

Linda Wurzbach is a Special Education Consultant, providing expertise in education laws and regulations and helping parents, professionals, and teachers to collectively work together on children’s mental illness issues. Suzi Glorosio is a parent of a child with a serious mental illness and has created the twice monthly support group, Parent Resource and Support Group, for parents of children suspected of or diagnosed with a mood disorder. Dana Girard, a Clinical Psychology doctoral candidate pursuing her Psych.D., will talk about her dissertation titled: “Discovering Inner Strength During Chaos: The Impact of Children Diagnosed with Mental Disabilities on Parental Caregivers.”