

# An Educational Conference for Family and Friends of Individuals with Borderline Personality Disorder



**Saturday, March 14, 2015**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*Payson Park Church  
365 Belmont Street  
Belmont, Massachusetts 02478*

## Speakers

Karen Mariscal | Laura Goodman | Phyllis Stone

## Registration

Early Bird Rate *(by 2/27/2015)*: \$35.00

At the Door: \$45.00

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## Speakers



**Karen Mariscal, Esq.** is Of Counsel at Margolis & Bloom, LLP and practices in the areas of estate planning, guardianship, and disability law. She also provides families with information, resources, and practical assistance regarding day programming and residential options and supports.

Karen's presentation will help guide families through the intricate maze of federal and state programs for disabled family members. The presentation will include information on Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medicaid, Mass Health, and housing and residential options.



**Laura Goodman, Esq.** is Director of the Mental Health and Addiction Parity Initiative at Health Law Advocates, Inc. HLA is committed to ensuring universal access to quality health care in Massachusetts, particularly for those who are most at risk.

Laura will educate participants about access to public and private health insurance, including The Affordable Care Act. In addition, she will discuss how parity laws may affect the availability of insurance for mental health treatment.

## Conference Agenda

9:00 A.M. - 9:20 A.M.	Registration
9:20 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	Welcome Remarks
9:30 A.M. - 10:20 A.M.	Karen Mariscal, Esq.
10:20 A.M. - 11:10 A.M.	Laura Goodman, Esq.
11:10 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Phyllis Stone, LICSW
12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.	Family Panel

**Phyllis Stone, LICSW** is the Director of Clinical Social Work & Admissions for the mental health units at Tewksbury Hospital. She has worked for the Department of Mental Health since 1982 as a Clinical Social Worker, Supervisor, Director of Admissions and in her current role.

Phyllis will focus on public sector resources and the role of the Department of Mental Health in the Continuum of Care. She will also present a brief historical view of mental health services, including: accessing public services; the role of Department of Mental Health facilities; forensic admissions and civil admissions; and DMH and Community Based Flexible Services.

To register, please go to:  
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## Directions

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## About US

New England Personality Disorder Association, Inc.  
<http://www.nepda.org/>

For more information about the conference or for general inquiries, please contact us at [nepdacontact@gmail.com](mailto:nepdacontact@gmail.com).

## Family Panel

A panel of NEPDA members will share their experiences in supporting their loved one with BPD. There will be a short discussion and plenty of time for questions and answers.

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