

OMNA

ON TOUR



Engaging Communities to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mental Health Care

OMNA on Tour promotes collaboration among stakeholders from a variety of professions, disciplines, and systems including

- Psychiatrists
- Primary care physicians
- Ethnic medical, psychiatric, and health organizations
- Representatives from the mental health advocacy community
- Medical schools and other academic institutions
- Substance abuse treatment providers
- Social service providers
- Legislators
- Faith community leaders
- Public mental health systems
- Criminal justice systems

Founded in 1844, the American Psychiatric Association is a national medical society with more than 36,000 physician members specializing in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental illness, including substance use disorders. For more information, please visit the APA Web site at www.psych.org.

Initiate a Tour visit in your community!

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) is committed to eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in mental health care—a dilemma that has been identified as a cause for national concern and that has prompted efforts at the national, state, and local levels to eliminate such inequality. The APA recognizes that meaningful change will be realized only if communities work together in partnership and become involved by educating affected populations.

The APA's Office of Minority and National Affairs (OMNA) has mobilized and launched a new program, OMNA on Tour, to inform communities about the significance of disparities in mental health care and to encourage collaborative action among stakeholders. Led by OMNA Director Annelle B. Primm, MD, MPH, OMNA on Tour provides a comprehensive picture of problems resulting from mental health care inequities among racial and ethnic groups and strategies for eliminating them.

Tour visits may be initiated by anyone, and topics and presentations will be tailored to the characteristics and needs of the particular community. Stakeholders convene under one roof and cover issues such as the state of local and national minority mental health; barriers and mediators to equitable health care; and possible solutions to eliminate inequality of care, with the purpose of disseminating information about local resources and models that work.

For more information or to initiate an OMNA on Tour visit in your community, please contact

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