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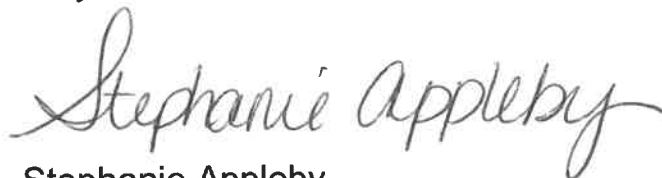
A note from our Executive Director:

Corona Virus Concerns Call for Social Distance

In response to the coronavirus pandemic NAMI Southwest Missouri will be temporarily closing our office until further notice. Faced with a pandemic threat, history teaches us it is far better to be over prepared than underprepared. This has been a very difficult decision for us but we want to do our part to protect our community. As the Coronavirus situation continues to develop, we continue to adjust our business practices according to the most current information and recommendations from experts in the medical community. My team will continue to meet, monitor the situation, and communicate with all relevant information. All onsite support groups are canceled at this time. We have tripled our capacity for warm line calls as we know this is a challenging time for everyone. You can reach our warm line at 417-864-3676 or toll-free at 877-535-4357. **If you are in crisis please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1800-273-8255**

Please feel free to use our non-crisis line to speak with a trained responder for support. As of now, the plan is for the majority of the staff to work from home for the remainder of the month. Additionally we are working on developing virtual services to accommodate our peers. Please check our [Facebook](#) and [website](#) for updated information. We will reassess the situation at the end of the month and keep everyone updated.

As always, thank you for being a supporter of NAMI Southwest Missouri and for your continued trust as we manage through this time together.



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