

Thousands of psychiatrists will attend the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in New York City in mid-May 1990.

Eleven psychiatric liberation groups will use this opportunity to hold "Support-Ins" in New York City and throughout the U.S. & Canada.

This coalition calls for participation from **BOTH** survivors of psychiatry, **AND ALSO** from allies with common interests, such as people of color, gays & lesbians, people with disabilities, progressive health workers, advocates, Greens, seniors' & children's rights activists, and many more!

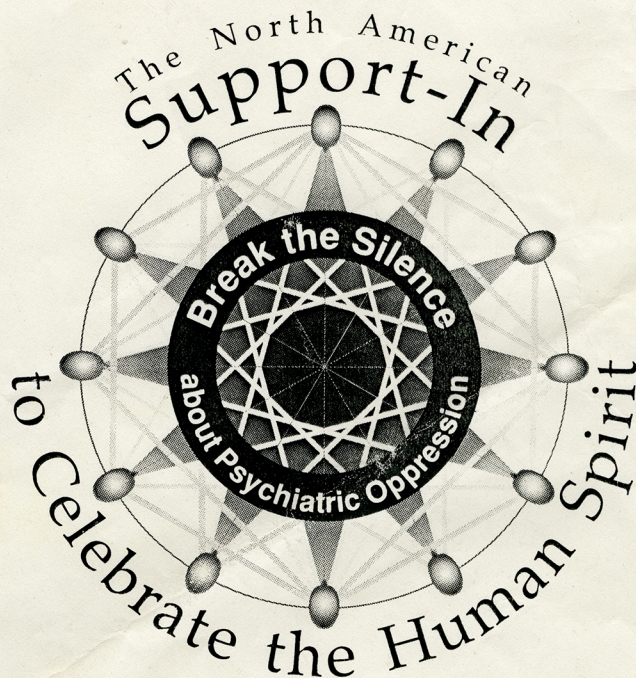
Join us! The purpose? To celebrate alternatives. To build a strong, independent coalition. And to...

Break the silence about psychiatric oppression!

These human rights violations include:

- The U.S. Supreme Court just approved forced psychiatric drugging of prisoners — with drugs that can cause brain damage & death! Forced drugging has been common in many types of institutions.
- Court-ordered forced psychiatric drugging of people living out in the community (called "outpatient commitment") is now a reality in about half the U.S.!
- Electroshock is making a comeback!
- Many homeless & hungry aren't sheltered & fed — they're locked up & drugged!
- Humane alternatives for emotional support exist, but are seldom explored or funded!
- Despite global ecological tragedy, a tyranny of normality numbs the emotions of many.

May 11 to 15, 1990
New York City
& sites throughout the U.S. & Canada



Support-In events in New York City:

Protest directly across from meeting of American Psychiatric Association

Sunday, May 13 — 12 noon — Javits Center

Cultural Celebration!

free entertainment including Wobbly Chorus & Forgotten Voices
Sunday, May 13 — 7: 30 pm to 9:30 pm
Ansche Chesed Synagogue, 251 W. 100th (at West End Ave.)

Electroshock Protest

directly across from A.P.A. "how-to-give-electroshock" course
Monday, May 14 — 11 am
New York Hilton, Ave. of Americas & West 53rd

Festival of Alternatives & Counter-Conference

Diverse workshops, caucuses, celebrations & displays of alternatives including: Anti-electroshock, stopping forcible treatment of homeless, people of color & psychiatry, poetry, co-counseling, orthomolecular medicine, group decision-making, fighting psychiatric exams, organizing resistance, building coalitions, reaching the public, creating your own media, and much more.

Fee: One event \$3. One day \$8. Two days, sliding scale: \$15 to \$35. Four days: \$20 to \$55.

Register at door. Or pre-register by April 30th and receive info packet by mailing fee to:
Kate Sullivan, 162 So. East St., Amherst, MA 01002.

Friday, May 11, 7 pm to 10 pm — **Welcome, opening circle**

Saturday, May 12, 9 am to 5 pm — **Workshops & caucuses**

(Saturday continued) 7 pm to 10 pm — **Celebration of Alternatives**

Monday, May 14 — 7 pm to 10 pm — **Potpourri**

Tuesday, May 15 — 10 am to 1 pm — **Coalition meeting, closing**

American Youth Hostel, Amsterdam & West 103rd

Invited special speaker: **Kate Millett**, feminist author, survivor of psychiatry, and author of about-to-be-released book on her experiences, *The Looney Bin Trip*.

Events throughout U.S. & Canada:

Simultaneous public "Support-Ins": Oakland, California; Eugene, Oregon; Estes Park, Colorado; Birmingham, Alabama; Ithaca, New York; Toronto, Canada; & more.

Support-In contacts:

East Coast Co-coordinator: Janet Foner (717) 774-6465

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Limited inexpensive housing available at American Youth Hostel.

Call **now** (with Hostel questions **only**): (212) 932-2300.

All Support-In events are planned to be legal. Civil disobedience by participants will only be practiced at a **separate** time & place.

Independent, democratically-run groups that oppose forced psychiatric procedures are encouraged to join the coalition.

Individual & group endorsements are also welcome.

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Coalition sponsors: Activists for Alternatives — Woodhaven, NY; Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients — Oakland, CA; Alliance — Syracuse, NY; Clearinghouse on Human Rights & Psychiatry — Eugene, OR; Community for Interdependent Living — San Jose, CA; Guiding Our Own Destinies — Berlin, MA; National Association of Psychiatric Survivors; National Association for Rights Protection & Advocacy; Oakland Independence Support Center — Oakland, California; Portland Coalition for the Psychiatrically Labelled — Portland, ME; Whistleblowers — Queens, NY. **Coalition endorsers:** List of more than 100 groups & individuals available.