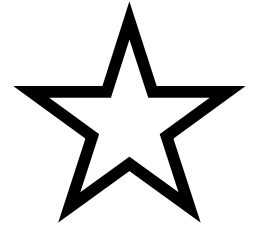
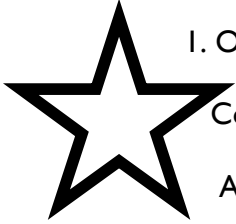


# CANDIDATE FORUM IN\$ENTIVE GRANT ENTRY FORM



Please mail or fax to: Cheri Bragg, Keep the Promise Coalition c/o NAMI CT  
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1. Organization/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ CT, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date, time & location of your candidate forum \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach flyer if you have one)

3. Is the forum open to the public or for your members only? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you need assistance contacting your local press for the event? Yes      No

5. Specific Mental Health Issues you will address with candidates - please list.

a.

b.

c.

In order to qualify for the contest you must provide copies of the invitations sent to all the candidates. Use the same letter for each candidate and include every candidate running for that particular office, i.e. state representative of the 12<sup>th</sup> district.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDNG  
PUTTING ON THE FORUM PLEASE CONTACT  
THE KEEP THE PROMISE COALITION AT  
1-800-215-3021 or 860-882-0236.



## **Examples of how to format an event:**

### Sample 1

- ❖ Ask all candidates to attend a non-partisan forum, specifically on a mental health issues. Send Candidates information on the issue prior to the event.
- ❖ Present a brief overview of the issues at the forum preferably by people who are directly affected by the issues. These individuals should sit with the candidates.
- ❖ Have an open discussion where candidates and the audience can ask questions and talk with each other.
- ❖ Close by asking the candidates to commit to supporting initiatives.

### Sample 2

- ❖ Ask all candidates in your district to attend a non-partisan forum.
- ❖ Allow each candidate 3 minutes (this can vary) to make opening comments.
- ❖ Take questions from the audience that the moderator would ask each candidate to respond to. (It is preferable to have questions collected on cards before the forum begins and screened for content before given to the moderator. It also helps eliminate speeches rather than questions.)

In Sample 2 you want ensure that all candidates and the audience understand the theme of the forum is on mental health issues. Or make sure that members of the audience ask specific questions on mental health issues.

### Sample 3

- ❖ Ask all candidates in your district to attend a non-partisan forum.
- ❖ Have a room set up with tables where the individual candidates can sit.
- ❖ The audience can then rotate to the different tables and discuss mental health issues with the candidates.
- ❖ It is preferable to have time to brief the audience on issues either through discussion or fact sheets.

This method of forum is more informal and does not look necessarily for commitment by the candidate. But it does allow for individuals to size up the candidate on a more personal level.