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Mental illness group organizing Gadsden chapter

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An organizational meeting for the National Alliance of Mental Illness will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Gadsden First United Methodist Church.

Organizers are hoping to start a NAMI chapter in Gadsden.

"For those people who know firsthand about mental illness (bipolar, schizophrenia, major depression, obsessive compulsive behavior ... this meeting is for them," Sue Guffey, president of the NAMI chapter in Centre, said via email. "It is especially geared to family and friends of those who are battling mental illness. However, since there are different degrees of severity, anyone battling this horrible disease is welcome if they are functioning well."

NAMI is an organization that educates, supports and advocates for the mentally ill and their concerned loved ones, Guffey said. The organization has 20 affiliates in Alabama.

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