2016 Year in Pictures

Happy New Year! We wanted to take a moment to reflect on just a few of The STARR Coalition’s accomplishments during 2016. We are all committed to our mission: To create meaningful change by increasing communication, partnerships and goodwill among stakeholders in the areas of treatment, advocacy, and clinical research with emphasis on consumers and patients mental health well-being.

We launched our website with input from many of our stakeholders. If you have not registered on our portal, please do so here.
The Messaging Committee created ideas for a series of commercials to focus on stigma reduction, education, and promoting research as an option. The commercials are available for free for any organization to use however they wish. We are able to place your logo and contact info at the end of the commercials. View them below!

The STARR Coalition reached out to new stakeholders at the annual ASCP (American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology) held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Engaging new partners and injecting new ideas will shift the discussion.
We joined our friends from National Alliance on Mental Illness for their national convention in Denver over the summer. Former Congressman Patrick Kennedy spoke about his struggle with mental illness. Powerful story--

Young voices have power and clarity. The STARR Coalition sponsored the annual Active Minds national convention in Sacramento. Active Minds is a college-based education and advocacy organization with chapters across the nation. We met with future leaders in advocacy, medicine and behavioral health. Talk about energy!

Many of you attended our dinner at the CNS Summit in October. We were honored to have thought-leaders from sponsors, clinical research, CRO's and advocacy. We are building on the conversations and partnerships sparked at this event. The Coalition is only as strong as the individuals willing to share their time and energy. Join us today!
National speaker, professor and consumer, Dr. Frederick Frese addresses the audience as our keynote speaker.

Dr. Amir Kalali, Global Head, Neuroscience Center of Excellence, QuintilesIMS.

Dr. Susan Kozauer, Senior Medical Director, Premier Research

Ashley Poole, Site Director, Woodland International Research Group
Dr. Krista Armstrong, Vice President of Global Drug Development for Premier Research, heads the panel on advocacy and the role of sponsors, CRO’s and sites.

Jack Stephens, MA, President of CSN Network, ponders the long-term goals of The STARR Coalition.

Tom Laage, MD, MHP, Director, Regulatory Medical Writing and Product Development Consulting with Premier Research talks about ways those in the research industry can use its resources to assist advocacy groups with educational and assessment tools and "begin to think beyond the pill". Without cooperation among all stakeholders, we will slow down the process of cutting-edge research and progressive therapies. His message encouraged everyone to think outside the box and remember that we are all here to help better serve those with central nervous system disorders, no matter what our field of expertise.
Barbara Birch explores opportunities for leaders throughout all fields to open their doors to advocacy with Dr. Kim Vanover (right).

The incredible team from iResearch in Atlanta share ways they are making a positive impact in their communities.

Sarah Schwartz, MSW, MBA, MHA and Executive Director, Mental Health America of Georgia

Woody Woodaman, MBA, CEO, Synergy ResearchCenters

Paul Jaquith, Executive Director, Mental Health America Southeast Florida

Greg Hansch, LMSW, Public Policy Director of NAMI Texas discusses the importance of policy and legislation in transforming the behavioral health landscape.
Dr. Ray Sanchez, Senior Vice President, Global Clinical Development, Neuropsychiatry, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development and Commercialization

Atul Mahableshwarkar, MD, Senior Medical Director, Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc.

Matthew Shapiro, Public Engagement Coordinator for NAMI New York State

Fallon Kane, Clinical Psychology Doctoral Candidate, Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies challenges the way we talk about research with communities

Rachel Richie, student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, stresses the importance of youth in the conversation. She is a member of the...
as Matt Miller, V.P. of Global Patient Recruitment & Feasibility at StudyKIK listens in.

Dr. Cherian Verghese, Medical Director and Principal Investigator for Keystone Clinical Studies.

Adam Simmons, MHP, Clinical Program Manager with Alkermes speaks on a panel with Dr. Kim Vanover, Senior Vice President, Clinical Development with Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc. (left) and Dr. Sarah Richerson, Deputy Head of Neuroscience Center of Excellence with Quintiles (right).

Dr. Steve Brannan leads a panel discussion regarding the future of research education during the CNS Summit meeting.

Dr. Tim Peters Strickland, Senior Director, Global Clinical Development, Otsuka

Robin Cole, President, NAMI Miami shares the
Pharmaceutical Development and Commercialization.

benefits of community collaboration as she works to expand the role of NAMI in south Florida.

Brian Craig, CEO of Pillar Clinical Research speaks about the challenges and rewards of clinical research sites reaching out to advocacy organizations.

Adrienne Kennedy, 2nd Vice President from the NAMI National Board of Directors explains the many aspects of NAMI as Ingrid Deetz, Chapters and Programs Vice President for Depression Bipolar Support Alliance listens on.

Rick Mofsen, D.O., President, St. Louis Clinical Trials and Chief Medical Officer, Evolution Research Group talks about reaching the next generation of research professionals.

Bonnie Segal, Co-Founder and Vice President at Segal Institute

Jerome Chiaro, Vice President of Site Operations at StudyKIK.
Christian Burns, President of Clinical Operations and Marketing for ClinEdge.

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