



## **How a Champion Can Contribute to Program Growth and Success**

Below are some ways that a NAMI Connection champion can assist in ensuring program growth and success.

- Work with the facilitators to set up a day and time for the group to meet and find a location.
- Ask the facilitators what type of help they need. (i.e., with bringing brochures and setting up a resource table, opening up or locking up after the group, bringing refreshments, mailing the data postcards after the group).
- Work with the facilitators of your group and your affiliate to distribute the Connection marketing materials at agencies, mental health centers, and other locations. Contact your local newspaper to put a free ad about your group in the community calendar.
- Help facilitators in the event that they need transportation and assist with ideas for facilitators to help find a community service that may provide transportation for members.
- Attend meetings of the support group if you are a consumer.
- Take part in the monthly facilitator calls.
- Assist with recognition events for your facilitators.
- Help to identify people who you think may make good champions or good facilitators. Communicate with your facilitators, affiliates and state coordinator when you find someone who you think will do a good job for a Connection group.
- Keep communication open with your facilitators, affiliates and state coordinator about any concerns you have when it comes to the group(s) you are helping to be successful.
- Realize how important you are!!!