



SAMHSA ADS CENTER
Bridging the Gap Between Where We Are and Where We Need to Be

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Dear Ms. Gillespie,

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma Associated with Mental Illness (ADS Center) extend our thanks to you and your organization for providing our agency with an illustrated book and information packet on *Nothing to Hide: Mental Illness in the Family*.


You may remember that SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services established the ADS Center with the mission to provide resources and information to assist in the designing and implementing of anti-stigma and anti-discrimination initiatives in the United States.

The material you have shared with us is vital to our ability to continue to promote the need for stigma reduction efforts associated with mental illness in the general public; and more importantly, to help those experiencing discrimination and stigma combat these issues.

The book, *Nothing to Hide: Mental Illness in the Family*, provides an insight into the difficulties faced by mental health consumers and their loved ones.

Again, we thank you for your contribution to our agency. We recognize that individuals like you, who have dedicated themselves in the fight against stigma and discrimination, are imperative in the advancements and success of stigma reduction efforts.

Thank you,



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