



## MENTAL HEALTH WEEKEND FOR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES

Dear Faith Leaders,

At least one in five adult New Yorkers is suffering from a diagnosable mental health condition.

That means that each and every New Yorker has been touched by mental illness, either directly or through someone we care about. And many of those New Yorkers rely on their faith communities to find both hope and help.

In other words, faith leaders like you are on the front lines of the mental health crisis. That's why **we invite you to partner with First Lady Chirlane McCray** on her pioneering effort to change the way New Yorkers think about mental illness, and the way we deliver services.

[Please join the First Lady and hundreds of houses of worship for the City's first ever "Mental Health Weekend for Faith-Based Communities" on May 20 – 22.](#)

After you sign up to speak about mental health with your faith community, we will provide you with a toolkit that includes:

Key points you can share during your weekly sermon, message or teaching

Literature on ThriveNYC you can distribute to your house of worship

Tips for spreading mental health awareness on social media

As we get closer to the weekend, we will hold a series of conference calls to go over the contents of the toolkit and answer any questions you may have.

We are blessed to count you as partners on this historic effort, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue that touches all of our communities.

# New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

## ThriveNYC Mental Health Weekend

### Registration Form

On behalf of the First Lady, we thank you for joining us and more than 500 houses of worship for the ThriveNYC Mental Health Weekend of Faith!

In the upcoming weeks, we will share a toolkit that provides you with:

- Key points on mental health that you can share during your weekly sermon, message or teaching.
- Literature on ThriveNYC you can distribute to your house of worship
- Tips for spreading mental health awareness on social media

In order to coordinate our efforts, we ask that you provide us with the following information:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faith Based Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Literature distribution purposes: how many people do you expect to attend your services? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use social media? Yes [  ] No [  ]

Interest in future initiatives - please check all of the following issues/Mayoral initiatives that you would like more information on:

**Economic Justice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Health:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Safety:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to [jjo@health.nyc.gov](mailto:jjo@health.nyc.gov) or [mmansu@health.nyc.gov](mailto:mmansu@health.nyc.gov). You may also fax it to **718-637-5401 or 347-396-4135 or 4136 OR Mail to JongJin Jo, 161-169 East 110<sup>th</sup> street, New York, NY 10029.** For any questions, please call Moses Mansu at **347-396-4176** or JongJin Jo at **212-996-8686**

