

nami **Sharing Hope** National Alliance on Mental Illness

Rewriting Our Stories: Combating the Stigmatization of Mental Illness in the Black Community
by
Rebecca Walker

Citing her own personal struggles to identify depression, award-winning author Rebecca Walker (of the memoirs *Black, White and Jewish* and *Baby Love*; and editor of the anthologies *To Be Real*, *What Makes a Man*, and *One Big Happy Family*) will discuss the history, stigmatization, representation, and support needed within the African American community and beyond to diagnose and treat individuals with mental illness.



Ms. Walker will be speaking at two locales on **Sunday, November 6, 2011.**

Where: Central Connecticut State University Welte Auditorium 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain CT	Hartford Public Library, Main Branch 500 Main Street, Hartford, CT
When: 9:30 am until 11:00 am	3:00 pm until 4:30 pm***

Both events are **FREE** and **OPEN** to the public!

***Ms Walker will be introduced by Enola Aird, activist mother and founder and president of Community Healing Network, Inc. Following each talk, Ms. Walker will sign a limited number of her books for purchase.

To register for either talk, please go to: <http://rebeccawalker.eventbrite.com>

For more information on the Sharing Hope Program's **Black and Blue Series (B/B)**, please contact Michelle L. Bicking, Sharing Hope Coordinator at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI CT) at 860-598-0018 or via email at sharinghope@namict.org

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