Identifying and treating the behavioral health issues of older adults requires a specialized understanding of the unique presenting symptomatology of this population. Early detection and diagnosis are critical. Signs of treatable mental disorders and substance misuse can mimic signs commonly associated with the aging process, often causing health care professionals, as well as patients and families, to inaccurately attribute abnormal behaviors to growing older instead of recognizing symptoms of disease. The consequences of under-diagnosis and lack of appropriate treatment can be severe.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Social Workers, Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, Psychologists, Nurses, Case Managers, and other healthcare professionals who serve older adults *All eligible participants will receive 2.0 Hours of Continuing Education.*

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be able to identify the distinctive symptoms of later life behavioral health issues, differentiate between mental health, substance use, psychotic and neurological diagnoses, improve treatment outcomes with effective intervention strategies, utilize brief screening tools to aid in identification of behavioral health issues and provide community referral resources to clients in need of adjunct services.

**LOCATION:**
Florida Medical Center
Auditorium
5000 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33133

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:** RSVP to 866-498-5433
Space is Limited
Free Valet Parking is available.

“Behavioral Health and Wellness Day @ FMC” includes two additional presentations:
*Connecting Older Adults with Community Services*, open to Administrators, Frontline Staff, and Anyone whose work brings them in contact with Older Adults, breakfast and registration begin @ 8:30am; and *Integrating Elder Behavioral Health and Wellness with Primary Care*, a CME presentation designed for Primary Care Physicians, Geriatricians, Medical Residents & Students, ARNP’s, Physician Assistants and other Health Care Professionals interested in this topic, dinner and registration begin @ 5:30pm.

An art exhibit by consumer artists of the Mental Health Association’s 9Muses Art Center will be on display throughout the day.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**