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Alameda County ↔ Behavioral Health Care Service

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## FREMONT

**OFFICE:** 39155 Liberty Street, Suite F600 Fremont, CA **PHONE:** 510.746.1722 **FAX:** 510.567.3608

Located within the Fremont Family Resource Center.

Please call as hours may vary.

# **FREMONT**

**OFFICE:** 39155 Liberty Street Suite D400 Fremont, CA **PHONE:** 510.790.1010 **FAX:** 510.567.3608

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NEW TRI-VALLEY LOCATION - COMING SOON!

All Services Offered and Provided are Free.

# WE'VE BEEN THERE, WE CAN HELP.

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AND RESOURCE CENTER

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FERC is one of six programs the Mental Health Association of Alameda County (MHAAC) has to offer our community.



Visit **WWW.MHAAC.ORG** to learn more about our nonprofit organization and additional services provided.



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# **FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES**

ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE WHO HAS A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION? DO YOU NEED SUPPORT TO ENSURE YOUR LOVED ONE IS GETTING THE BEST CARE?

### WE'VE BEEN THERE. WE CAN HELP.

THE FAMILY EDUCATION & RESOURCE CENTER (FERC)
PROVIDES FREE EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND RESOURCES TO
HELP YOU BETTER UNDERSTAND YOUR LOVED ONES DIAGNOSIS
AND TREATMENT OPTIONS, AS WELL AS SUPPORT IN
MANEUVERING THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF
ALAMEDA COUNTY. WHEN YOU CALL OUR WARMLINE, YOU WILL
BE CONNECTED TO A FAMILY ADVOCATE WHO KNOWS WHAT
YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. WHETHER YOU NEED ACCESS TO
RESOURCES, SUPPORT IN YOUR OWN SELF-CARE, OR ADVOCACY
- WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.

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# HOLDING HOPE.

# FAMILY FOUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER FERC

Our mission is to educate, advocate, and encourage self-care for Family Members navigating complex behavioral health systems to ensure their Loved Ones with mental health challenges are provided the best care. We are a team of Family Caregivers who believe that Families know their Loved Ones best, and therefore should be involved in their care. We help amplify the voices of Family Members and bridge the communication gap between providers and Families.

FERC provides feedback and input to Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services to represent the importance of the Family Members/Caregivers' role in supporting their Loved One, and advocate for the needs of Family/Caregivers.

FERC works closely with Alameda County and County Contract agencies to further promote a Family/ Caregiver perspective and work toward the goal of creating a more Family/Caregiver and Loved One driven system of care.

OUR SERVICES ARE OFFERED IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND TAGALOG. ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES ARE AVAILABLE **UPON REQUEST THROUGH INTERPRETATION SERVICES.** 











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# **EDUCATION**

Our team of Family Advocates provide education for Family Members about the nature of their Loved Ones mental health diagnoses, current treatment options, and research. We have reading materials and a Lending Library available for in-office or athome use. We provide detailed information about the mental health service system of Alameda County.

# ADVICE, ASSISTANCE, AND ADVOCACY

Our Family Advocates offer practical advice and encouragement as you navigate the complex service systems and cope with mental illness in your family. Family Advocates offer an empathetic ear and help in sorting out options and decision making.

"I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE **WOULD BE AS A FAMILY** WITHOUT FERC."

-CAREGIVER

"THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME THAT I MATTER TOO." -CAREGIVER

# **SUPPORT**

WF CAN HFIP.

FERC offers multiple monthly occurring Support Groups facilitated by our Family Advocates. Support Groups are a safe space to share, listen, learn, and receive support for your current situation. FERC can also connect you with other local Support Groups and Self-Care activities that fits vour needs. YOU ARE NOT ALONE: we will help you find community. To see FERC's Support Groups, visit our website.

# **RESOURCES**

We will help you find the agency or service(s) you need. Our Family Advocates can refer and/or contact services for you, aid in making appointments, and assist you in dealing with a mental health or other service agency.

