

NAACP Evanston/North Shore Branch 2015 Community Service Award

The Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute was awarded the 2015 NAACP Community Service Award for its “commitment to mental health and erasing stigma, especially in under-served communities.”

Through partnerships with schools, community-based organizations, and religious institutions, the Institute raises awareness about the impact of mental health on individuals, families, and communities. The Institute hosts an annual community mental health conference which brings together more than 300 professionals, consumers, family members, and the concerned public to address critical mental health issues such as bipolar disorder and depression.

The Institute also conducts multiple programs for the Hispanic Community in Spanish, addresses mental health issues in the African-American community, and trains students at Evanston Township High School as facilitators of youth-led, anti-stigma mental health programming.