

As a part of the Community Intervention Program- Severe Mental Illness (CIP-SMI), the UMass Psychotic Disorders Clinical and Research Program held a Lifestyle as Medicine community event. Many people living with severe mental illness suffer from obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, partly due to a lack of education regarding nutrition and exercise. Additionally, due to the health disparity in this population, these individuals do not have the same level of access to care compared to the general population and may not receive proper treatment for their medical issues. This community event was designed to promote healthy lifestyles for individuals living with severe mental illnesses and improve the health disparity in this population.