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## **Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center to offer free Mental Health Information @ Western Carolina State Fair**

Aiken Barnwell will provide information about mental health disorders, mental health treatment and how to access treatment at the Western Carolina State Fair starting October 17-October 26, 2013. "Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center has provided essential behavioral services to the residents of Aiken & Barnwell counties since 1965. This is an opportunity to educate the public about mental health in general as well as how to access treatment in the local community. Early identification of mental health disorders and early access is of vital importance. Early access to effective treatment can accelerate the recovery process and minimize any harm related to the course of the illness," says Tamara Smith, Assistant Director/ABMHC.

Staff from the agency will be on-site at the fair (Exhibitor Booth) at the times listed below:

Thursday 10/17/13	5-8pm
Friday 10/18/13	5-8pm
Saturday 10/19/13	12-8pm
Sunday 10/20/13	12-8pm
Monday 10/21/13	5-8pm
Tuesday 10/22/13	5-8pm
Wednesday 10/23/13	5-8pm
Thursday 10/24/13	5-8pm
Friday 10/25/13	5-8pm
Saturday 10/26/13	12-5pm

If you or someone you know is in need of mental health treatment, please contact Aiken Barnwell MHC at 803-641-7700 for assistance. Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center (ABMHC) is a Community Mental Health Center operating under the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. The Center aspires to be the premier provider of behavioral health services supporting the recovery of families, adults and children living in Aiken and Barnwell counties. For additional information about Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center visit [www.aikenbarnwellmhc.com](http://www.aikenbarnwellmhc.com).

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