

# **NY'S CAPITAL REGION** **SUPPORTS** **TIMOTHY'S LAW!**



**Timothy's Law 2006**

Timothy's Law is a bill in New York State (A.2912-A / S.6735-A), named in memory of Timothy O'Clair, a 12-year old boy who completed suicide in March 2001 following a 5 year struggle with mental illness. If enacted, this legislation would amend the Insurance Law to require health insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMO's) in New York State to provide coverage for mental illness and addiction services equal to that which is provided for other medical conditions by such insurers and HMO's.

In March, the NYS Assembly passed Timothy's Law by a vote of 134-9. It is now up to the members of the NYS Senate to **Pass Timothy's Law in 2006** to end the insurance practices that discriminate against those with mental health and addiction needs, which have led to tragedies like Timothy's.

## **June 2, 2006** **Rally for Timothy's Law** **In Saratoga Springs**

At 12:00 noon on Friday, June 2, 2006, supporters of Timothy's Law will demonstrate the broad grassroots support Timothy's Law enjoys throughout the Capital Region by holding a rally in Saratoga Springs. Those gathered will call upon NYS Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno to bring Timothy's Law, S.6735-a, to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

- WHO:** Timothy's Law Supporters
- WHAT:** Timothy's Law Rally
- WHERE:** Congress Park, Downtown Saratoga Springs
- WHEN:** Friday, June 2, 2006 - 12:00 noon
- WHY:** To **PASS TIMOTHY'S LAW IN 2006!**

To help organize this event, contact Mary Jean Coleman at 518-899-0021 or [mjcoleman@afsp.org](mailto:mjcoleman@afsp.org)

More information about Timothy's Law, including more details on this event, are available at [www.timothyslaw.org](http://www.timothyslaw.org)