

PATON BLOUGH

*Mental Health Advocate,
Speaker, and Founder of Rehinge.com*



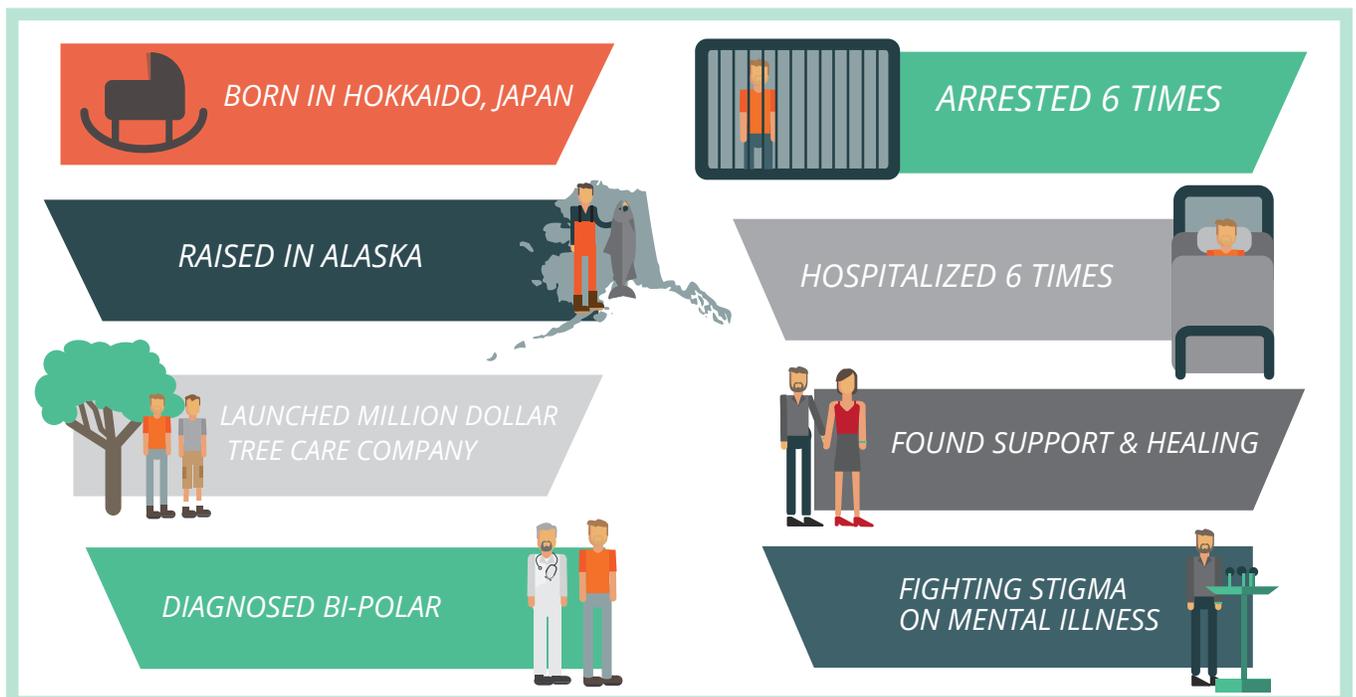
Paton Blough is no stranger to hard work. He entered the Alaskan workforce at the age of 14 to work as a commercial fisherman. After moving to South Carolina to study at Bob Jones University, he began his own tree company and transformed it into a million dollar business within five years.

At 26, Paton's success was put into jeopardy when he was diagnosed with Type 1 Bipolar Disorder. Paton began to experience severe mania and depression. During this unhinged period, he frequented both jails and mental hospitals. This subsequently led to the end of his first marriage, the loss of his company, and ultimately, the loss of his dignity.

In the shadows of one of Paton's darkest chapters, he was introduced to mental health programs, support groups and education that radically changed his life's direction. Years later, his own experiences and recovery have prompted him to fight for mental health reform on a local, state and national level.

With a life rehinged, Paton now works hard at giving back full time. He is a SC state board member for NAMI and SHARE, along with being the founder of Rehinge.com, an online mental health forum. He is a passionate legislative advocate that has authored statewide mental health reform plans in which two bills were passed. Paton has trained hundreds of law enforcement and first responders through CIT programs. While Paton's journey was not always easy, hope was found and dignity reclaimed.

Paton continues to be in demand throughout the country for speaking engagements, media spotlights, providing consumer counsel and legislating on the need for mental health reform.

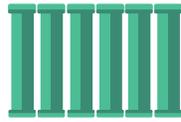


AVAILABLE PRESENTATIONS

Paton's presentations can be tailored to fit your needs and can cover the following:



Crisis Intervention
Team Training



Six Pillars
of Recovery



Mental Health
Legislation



Advocacy for
Mental Health Reform



Paton's Personal
Experience

Keynote Address – *Handcuffs To Hope*

"Perhaps the largest turning point in my recovery story was three years ago when 30 officers applauded after my first ever presentation in a class. One of the officers who had previously arrested me was in that class and we hugged in front of everyone. Since that time I have proudly been involved with the training of over 250 officers. The biggest shame of my life has been my criminal record – now I get to take those experiences and help my community through my presentation "Handcuffs to Hope."- Paton Blough

Keynote Price: \$5,000 + Travel Expenses

Crisis Intervention Team Workshop

This multi-step training workshop is based on Paton's own curriculum. The workshop trains law enforcement and others about CIT while also educating about mental illness. With special focus on how to deescalate situations involving people with mental illness, the workshop provides real-life examples, role play, videos, and audio recordings of Paton's own episodes and personal experience with law enforcement.

Paton is organic and reactive during his presentations and will tailor the workshop to fit the needs of your organization.

Workshop Price: \$2,500 + Travel Expenses

WHAT TO EXPECT

Here's what you can expect when hearing from Paton:

- Riveting, compelling, and shocking reenactments of true events
- Transparency behind the mental activity of someone suffering with mental illness
- Compassionate, heartfelt & emotional delivery
- Hope, encouragement & call to action!

It's time to ditch the boring speakers and have Paton keep your audience on the edge of their seats!

PATON HAS SPOKEN ON BEHALF:

Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
South Carolina Police Chiefs Association
South Carolina State Bar Association
SouthEastern Symposium on Mental Health
Howard County Police Dept. Maryland
Supervised Visitation Network
Stepping Up Initiative
NAMI Illinois

International Crisis Intervention Team
NAMI Montana
NAMI Kentucky
Indiana Mental Health & Criminal Justice Summit
South Carolina Department of Corrections
Council of State Governments (CSG)
Brain Initiative

PATON HAS BEEN SEEN OR HEARD:

THE
HUFFINGTON
POST

CNN

The
Washington
Times

AP
Associated
Press

The Washington Post

YAHOO!
NEWS

yes!
magazine

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ALJAZEERA

U.S. News
& WORLD REPORT

The Greenville News

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING:



Dr. James W. Hayes,

National NAMI Board Member & President of the NAMI South Carolina Board

"Paton is an engaging speaker and has a wealth of life experiences and relates to diverse audiences. He is very comfortable answering questions and conducting dialogue with audiences. His areas of specialization are mental health and law enforcement but he would be a great motivational speaker for a variety of audiences."



Chuck Wexler

Executive Director of the Police Executive Research Forum

"You really make everything you are associated with significantly better. Your passion and authenticity are infectious. And you are so easy to work with- so thank you as always for being part of the PERF team! You're the best!"



Joe Nullet

Executive Director of the Supervised Visitation Network

"Paton Blough was one of the highest reviewed presenters at our 2015 Supervised Visitation Network Annual conference. Our attendees praised his candid, honest portrayal of his personal struggles with mental illness and how he is fighting for systematic changes to help others with similar issues"



Kevin Morison

Director of Program Management of the Police Executive Research Forum

"I wanted to thank you for another 5-star performance today. Knocked it out of the park again. You are so passionate, so authentic and so on target with your message!"