



National Alliance on Mental Illness

# NAMI Washington

## 2025 Legislative Priorities

### 01 - Increase Access to Quality Behavioral Health Services



- Increase access to behavioral health prescribers and medication by expanding prescribing authority to psychologists.
- Ensure medically necessary behavioral health treatment is properly covered by insurance.
- Strengthen and increase the behavioral health workforce

### 02- Youth Behavioral Health



- Expand mental health services in K-12 schools/ college campuses
- Support social and emotional instruction in public schools
- Protect the mental well-being of youth in marginalized communities (BIPOC, Trans, and LGBTQ youth)

### 03- Decriminalize and Destigmatize Mental Illness



- Make vital changes to the Involuntary Treatment Act to improve access to treatment
- Defelonize the charging enhancement for actions of people who are in behavioral health crisis
- Destigmatizing language in behavioral health policies
- Promote diversion services such as Assisted Outpatient Treatment

### Operating Budget Priorities



- Maintain \$500,000 funding for peer-led community-based programs for NAMI Washington
- Maintain \$125,000 funding for NAMI WA expansion of outreach/ services in rural areas; A focus on Latino, Native American, and agricultural communities
- Maintain funding for behavioral health services and resources

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