

NAMI Washington 2024 Legislative Priorities

Support Expansion and Improvements on the 988/Behavioral Health Crisis System



- Mitigate police response to behavioral health crisis calls, especially in BIPOC communities and youth
- Expand mobile response units and crisis response facilities to all regions of the state
- Ensure behavioral health crisis services are culturally-sensitive, language appropriate and trauma-informed

Increase access to Quality Mental Health Services and Resources



- Increase access to behavioral health prescribers and medication by expanding prescribing authority to psychologists
- Strengthen and increase Behavioral Health Workforce

Support Youth Mental Health



- Expand mental health services in K-12 schools and college campuses
- Support social and emotional learning in public schools
- Increase availability of youth mental health services including in-patient beds, crisis response, outpatient services and wrap-around support
- Protect the mental well-being of youth in marginalized communities especially BIPOC, trans and LGBTQ youth



NAMI Washington Budget Priorities

- Support additional Medicaid rate increases for community behavioral health providers to maintain and increase behavioral health workforce
- Support funding for more in-patient beds, community-based mental healthcare facilities, and supportive housing

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