

NAMI Washington

2024 Legislative Priorities



Expansion and Improvements on the 988/Behavioral Health Crisis System

- **SB 5853:** Extends the 23-hour Behavioral Health Crisis Facility model to provide crisis services for youth
- **SB 6251:** Coordinating Regional Crisis Response and Suicide Prevention Services

Increase Access to Quality Mental Health Services



- **SB 6144:** Increase access to behavioral health prescribers and medication by expanding prescribing authority to psychologists
- **HB 1946:** Establishing the WA Health Corps Behavioral Health Scholarship Program to provide scholarships for individuals pursuing behavioral health professions working in underserved communities

Youth and Young Adult Mental Health



- **HB 2239:** Supports student well-being by providing support for public schools teaching skills that promote social, emotional and mental health wellness.
- **HB 2280/SB 6216:** Establishing a statewide network to maintain, expand, and provide oversight to Washington's school-based mental and behavioral health system for youth.
- **HB 1929/SB 6050:** Supports young adults discharged from inpatient behavioral health treatment by creating a supportive transitional housing and behavioral health program



NAMI Washington Budget Priorities

- Funding for NAMI support programs for affiliates and state office (\$500K)
- Medicaid Rate Increase for Behavioral Healthcare Providers (\$44.9 million)
- In-patient Bed Capacity (72 bed at Western State, 38 beds at Eastern State)
- Youth Behavioral Health (\$11.1 million)

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