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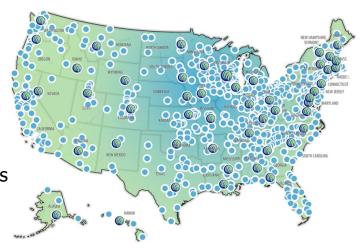
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## Who We Are

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of people affected by mental illness.

What started as two mothers gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. **Today, NAMI is an alliance of more than 600 local Affiliates and 49 State Organizations** who work in your community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.





### **NAMI Affiliates**

14 Affiliates	Metro area includes NAMI Adams County, Arapahoe/Douglas, Aurora, Boulder County, Denver, and Jeffco	Colorado Springs and Southeast
Chaffee County, High Country, San Miguel/Ouray, Roaring Fork	Larimer, Union Colony/Greeley	Western Slope



### **Our Values**

Hope: We believe in the possibility of recovery, wellness and the potential in all of us.

**Inclusion:** We embrace diverse backgrounds, cultures and perspectives.

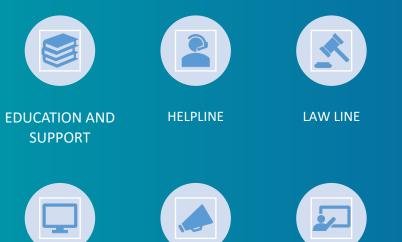
**Empowerment:** We promote confidence, self-efficacy and service to our mission.

**Compassion:** We practice respect, kindness and empathy.

Fairness: We fight for equity and justice.



## What NAMI Does



WEBSITE RESOURCES



ADVOCACY

OUTREACH AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS Help Line: 800-950-NAMI www.nami.org

Text HELP to 741741

Locally

303-321-3104



## What NAMI Does

- NAMI BASICS
- NAMI CONNECTIONS
- FAMILY SUPPORT
- SHARING HOPE/COMPARTIENDO ESPERANZA/CHAI & CHAT
- NAMI HOMEFRONT
- ENDING THE SILENCE

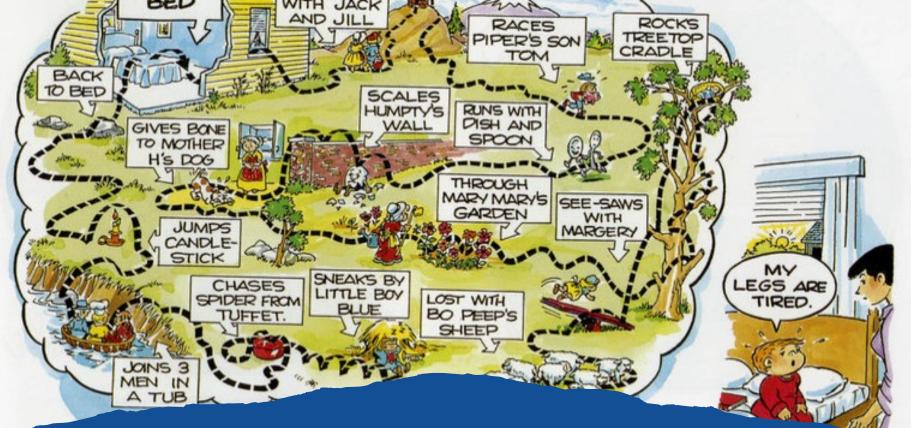
•FAMILY AND FRIENDS/FAMILY TO FAMILY/PEER TO PEER

- NAMI FRONTLINE WELLNESS
- NAMI PROVIDER
- HEARTS & MINDS

White = Community Resources = Your referral

Lime = Clinical Resources = For you!





What it sometimes feels like to be a family member

#### What You and Your Organization can do

- An in depth look as some evidence-based programs and educational curricula from NAMI National
- The Who/What/Where/When/Why and How of bringing these to your organization
  - For staff
  - For partners
  - For those you serve





- What it is
- Who from your staff should participate
- How many "groups" should participate
- Format: 4 hour seminar or 2-day full curriculum
- What partners of yours could you sponsor to take it
- What would you need to truly implement this



- What is it
- How and who you can recruit
- How many "groups" should participate
- Format: Up to 8 one-hour sessions
- What would you need to truly implement this



- Make it a part of your culture
- Think of venues
  - In service
  - Orientation
  - Continuing Education
  - Conferences
  - Board meetings
- Find partner opportunities
  - Co-responders
  - Fellowships and Practicum

## Other NAMI Resources for those you serve (visit <u>www.nami.org</u>)

- NAMI Basics/Basics on Demand
- NAMI Family to Family, Family and Friends, Peer2Peer
- NAMI Family Support and NAMI Connections
- Sharing Hope/Compartiendo Esperanza/Chai and Chat
- NAMI Colorado Lawline 303-321-3104
- NAMI Colorado Helpline 303-321-3104
- NAMI Colorado Infoline <u>info@namicolorado.org</u>
- Stigma Free
  - <u>https://www.nami.org/Get-</u> <u>Involved/Pledge-to-Be-StigmaFree/</u>



you are not alone

The NAMI Guide to Navigating Mental Health With Advice from Experts and Wisdom from Real People and Families

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NAMI's First Ever Book

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# **Thank You**

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