



Public Policy Program

NAMI-NYS's Public Policy Program's Mission is to increase access to treatment and services, provide safe and affordable housing, and to repair and restore the mental health system in our state. Our goal is to support affiliates and members engaging in advocacy activities at the legislature, and in the community.

NAMI-NYS Public Policy Program Components:

- Develop a state legislative agenda
- Identify and track key mental health budget issues and legislation
- Mobilize NAMI-NYS members to testify or contact policymakers on behalf of our legislative priorities
- Strategically work with the media to further our legislative agenda
- Cultivate relationships with key stakeholders and state agencies

YOU ARE THE NAMI-NYS PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM!

We are here to support your advocacy efforts

What We Can Do For You:

- Contact your legislator to set-up meetings
- Show you how to contact your legislators and other elected officials
- Attend meetings with state or local officials to provide support as requested
- Provide background information on policy issues
- Speak at affiliate meetings (or other events) about mental health advocacy issues
- Alert you to great advocacy opportunities and events in the community
- Connect you to other advocates in your community
- Help you write testimony or letters to the editor
- Suggest ways that you can utilize your existing social networks, such as church groups
- Sign you up to testify or read your testimony before the legislature