



POLICY PLATFORM

On behalf of individuals and family members impacted by mental illness in Maine, NAMI Maine will utilize a variety of approaches to advance the following:

- All Mainers have access to quality, specialized and accessible mental health treatment and support services.
- A comprehensive continuum of evidence-based programs providing an array of services from early identification, family education, peer support and treatment services will be available for individuals across the life span.
- Individuals living with mental illness accessing treatment services will be empowered and treated with respect to determine their own care, when medically feasible.
- The strengthening of community resources and supports for individuals and families to help alleviate the impacts of mental illness on the quality of individuals' lives.
- Individuals requiring inpatient care for mental illness will receive services that meet the highest standards of care regardless of setting or payer.
- The knowledge, skills and resources exist for all Maine citizens to assist someone at risk for suicide to get the help they need.
- Law enforcement, corrections and juvenile justice professionals who encounter individuals in mental health crisis have the tools necessary to deescalate and stabilize challenging situations.
- Maine supports best practice programming to intervene and support the needs of trauma impacted people across the lifespan.
- Maine state leadership creates and supports a mental health system of care that respects the strengths, challenges and needs of all people affected by mental illness.