

National and Local Programs for Advocacy for Mental Health Services

National and local programs provide essential advocacy, education and support services for mental health.

National Advocacy and Support Organizations:

- National Alliance on Mental Health Illness (NAMI): The largest grassroots mental health organization, offering free peer support, education classes like Family to Family, and community advocacy. Helpline call 1-800-950-6264 or text “Helpline” to 62640.
- Mental Health America (MHA); A community-based network promoting mental health and prevention through public education and legislative advocacy.
- SAMSHA’s National Helpline: A confidential 24/7 treatment, referral, and information service. Call 1-800-662-4357.

Wisconsin State and Local Programs

- NAMI Wisconsin: Coordinates state-level advocacy, leadership training and local affiliate support groups across numerous counties. Contact 1-608-268-6000.
- Disability Rights Wisconsin: Services designated protection and advocacy for agency individuals with long-term mental illness, safeguarding legal and civil rights.
- Community Support Programs (CSP): State funded programs providing coordinated care, treatment, and daily living support for adults with serious mental illnesses directly within their local communities.
- Immediate Crisis Services: If you or a loved one face urgent crisis call or text 9-8-8 for the suicide and crisis lifeline or text “Hopeline” to 741741.