



2018 Behavioral Health Day Legislative Package

NAMI Florida and its partners are calling for lawmakers to pass the following bills to help moms, firefighters, police officers, students, veterans, peers and families.

Addressing the Opioid Crisis

In 2016, fourteen people in Florida died from opioid-related overdoses. Of the individuals with an identified opioid use disorder, almost 57% have co-occurring mental health conditions.

SB 8 | HB 21 Controlled Substances
 SB 1468 | HB 1025 Creating Statewide Strategy

Funding Requests:

- \$25 million – Funding to expand selected services, not funded through federal dollars, to address the opioid crisis
- \$27.1 million – Authorization to spend federal State Targeted Response (STR) funds (Governor’s proposal)

Focusing on Mental Health and Substance Abuse for Children & Families

One in 5 Adults have a mental health condition and the rates of youth with severe depression increased from 5.9% in 2012 to 8.2% in 2015.

SB 1422 | HB 955 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Parity
 SB 138 | HB 97 Perinatal Mental Health
 SB 270 | HB 947 Involuntary Examination/Admission of Minors
 SB 1790 | HB 1377 Baker Act/Children
 SB 1434 K-12 Education Enhancement; Mental Health

Funding Requests:

- \$9.8 million Central Receiving Facilities (Governor’s proposal)
- \$15 million substance abuse (Governor’s proposal)
- \$1 million naltrexone extended release (presently non-recurring)
- \$1.5 million FACT team in Putnam/St. Johns counties
- \$2.25 million CATs in Charlotte, Volusia and Leon counties
- \$2.3 million Early Episode Psychosis Treatment (3 teams) (Governor’s proposal)
- \$2.8 million Community Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams (3 teams) (Governor’s proposal)
- \$1 million Supported employment services for individuals with mental health conditions (Governor’s proposal)
- \$3.1 million recurring funds for care coordination/housing requirements within the Managing Entities



Helping Those Who Protect Us

Individuals in law enforcement and in the military often experience mental health challenges due to the stressors from their jobs. Priority legislation includes:

SB 326 | HB 179 Services for Veterans and their Families
SB 440 | HB 403 Veterans Care Program
SB 376 | HB 227 Worker's Compensation for First Responders

Increasing the Behavioral Health Workforce

Florida ranks at the bottom (43rd) in workforce availability with 1 mental health professional per 750 individuals. This includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and psychiatric nurses combined. One emerging practice is the use of peers and the role they play in their lived experience in helping other with behavioral health conditions.

SB 450 | HB 1227 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders/Peers
SB 1418 | HB 1069 Background Screening in Substance Abuse/Mental Health

Promoting treatment in the criminal justice system

Promoting treatment, rather than prison. Seventy-eight percent of Florida's inmates have a history of mental illness, substance abuse or co-occurring conditions. Each year, the FL Department of Corrections releases approximately 1/3 of their population, many of whom need treatment but were unable to access treatment.

SB 1222 | HB 1409 Inmate Re-Entry programs
SB 960 | HB 721 Mental Health and Substance Abuse/Medication

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