

NAMI Colorado Law Line

The NAMI Colorado Law Line is a service presently in existence in which volunteer licensed Colorado attorneys provide limited free legal information and advice to persons who contact NAMI Colorado seeking such information and advice on issues related to mental health law and issues directly affecting persons who have a mental illness and their families or loved ones.

The person contacting NAMI Colorado must be a person with a mental illness, their family member, or a loved one.

Persons contacting NAMI Colorado for such legal information and advice are entitled to receive a one time free phone consultation with a volunteer attorney. This service is expressly limited to legal consultation and advice by phone and does not provide any legal representation in court.

This service will be provided to persons who contact NAMI Colorado seeking limited legal information and advice in six targeted areas:

- 1) Involuntary civil commitment
- 2) Criminal cases
- 3) Special education
- 4) Employment
- 5) Trusts, guardianships, special needs planning, Medicaid
- 6) Social Security disability

Volunteer attorneys will provide confidential legal advice and consultation that is independently given and is not controlled in any manner by NAMI Colorado.

Persons who seek legal information and advice in the above targeted areas must contact NAMI Colorado by phone or email, and request such information and advice. NAMI Colorado's toll free number is 1 888 566-6264; NAMI Colorado's email address is helpline@namicolorado.org

A NAMI staff member will screen such requests, and if the above criteria are met, will provide the person with the name and phone number of the volunteer attorney with special knowledge in one of the above five targeted areas.

Upon receiving the volunteer attorney's phone number, it is then the responsibility of the requesting person to contact that volunteer attorney by phone. Volunteer attorneys have agreed to return their call and provide their phone consultation within a 48 hour time period, excluding weekends and holidays.