



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Colorado

NAMI Colorado is the Colorado state organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI Co and its affiliate groups around the state offer support, education, and advocacy in Colorado for people living with or affected by mental illness. There is no charge for any of the programs or services that NAMI offers.

"Real People, Real Facts"

Mental illness is not anyone's fault.

The Prevalence of Mental Illness in Colorado

- Approximately 750,000 Colorado Adults suffer from some sort of mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder.³
- 195,000 Colorado adults suffer from serious mental illness in which the disorder causes substantial functional impairment.³
- Updated studies show that 3 in 10 Coloradans need treatment for mental health or substance use disorders, which equates to more than 1.5 million people.²
- More than \$93 million was spent on behavioral health needs in the criminal justice system.²

Colorado's Ranking with Other States

- Colorado is ranked 32nd in national spending for Mental Health treatment.²
- Colorado has decreased its behavioral health spending by 10.6 million since 2009.¹
- Colorado is ranked 6th among states in rates of suicide, with 18.4 per 100,000 people in 2009.²
- Colorado is ranked 50th in the nation on psychiatric hospital beds per 100,000 people.²
- Colorado received an F in health promotion and measurements on the 2009 "Grading of the States Report Card"¹

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Sources:

1 NAMI's "Grading of the States" Report, Published March 11, 2009 available at www.nami.org

2 Advancing Colorado Health Care: The Status of Behavioral Health Care in Colorado, 2011 available at <http://coloradomentalhealth.org>

3 U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, available at www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1110055020.aspx