NAMI Greater Los Angeles County

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We Are NAMI GLAC



NAMI Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) is the county's leading grassroots mental health organization. NAMI GLAC promotes wellness, recovery, equality, and dignity for individuals and families affected by mental illness, as well as the community at large.

OUR VALUES

HOPE - We believe in the possibility of recovery, wellness, and the potential in all of us.

EMPOWERMENT - We promote confidence, self-efficacy, and service to our mission.

COMPASSION - We practice respect, kindness, and empathy.

INCLUSION - We embrace diversity in backgrounds,

cultures, and perspectives.

FAIRNESS - We fight for equity and justice.

Who We Serve

NAMI GLAC is comprised of **local chapters** who **serve more than 65% of LA County** residents.

From Reseda to Claremont, Pasadena to San Pedro, and almost everywhere in between, **we offered over 38,000 Angelenos** support, education, advocacy, and hope that recovery is possible during 2023.



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Serving Long Beach and Whittier Areas

We Offer Support

NAMI GLAC's **support groups** are **peer-led** and open to people living with a mental health condition, or to those supporting a loved one living with a mental health condition.

90% of support group attendees **strongly agreed** that their experience...

- Provided me with resources and skills to help make the **best treatment decisions** for myself or my loved one
- Helped me to understand that the symptoms of mental illness are separate from the person who has the condition
- Helped me to understand that mental illnesses are biological conditions that are no one's fault
- Helped me to have hope for the future

We hosted over 1,000 support groups, welcomed over 9,300 peers and family members, and supported people from English, Spanish, Japanese, and faith-based communities.

> **Family Support Group** 678 total meetings 5,817 attendees

Connection Recovery Support Group 413 total meetings 3,484 attendees



We Offer Education



30 classes 350 graduates

Mental Health First <u>Aid & QPR</u>



10 trainings 152 graduates



16 classes 119 graduates

Law Enforcement Trainings



44 trainings 1,035 graduates



Guided by the unique perspective of people with lived experience, our education **classes** and **trainings** provide free **education**, **skills training**, and **support** to individuals, families, and our community.

Participants are Saying...

"I feel like coming to the [Family to Family class] has **served as a lifeline for me and my family**"

"Listening for the first few classes got me to open up & tell my story...it was nice knowing there was no judgement"

"...l've grown a lot and can understand and empathize with my loved one's condition"

NAMI Pomona Valley graduates

We Engage Our Communities

Ending the Silence presentations promote mental health literacy, introduces suicide prevention tips, and share life-saving resources in local middle & high schools.

We held **146 presentations** throughout the county for **over 8,000 students, school faculty & staff, and parents & caregivers.**



"[In Our Own Voice helped me] **see real faces and people** behind the diagnoses, and recognize that **there is hope for recovery.**"



Our In Our Own Voice speakers, who share their lived experience in order to change attitudes, ideas, and assumptions about people living with mental illness, gave 153 total presentations to over 1,300 attendees.

In Our Own Voice attendee

GLAC and its Chapters hosted **278 webinars and presentations** on a wide variety of mental health topics, reaching **3,800 attendees** both virtually and in person.



"Percussive therapy is really **fun and a new way to practice mental health support.**"

NAMI Glendale attendee



At over 140 community events held all across Los Angeles County, our dedicated volunteers and staff spread awareness about NAMI and our programs, shared a variety of local resources, and offered an empathetic ear to over 7,500 Angelenos.

We Engage Our County



NAMIWalks Los Angeles County 2023 was our biggest one yet! Individuals, families, nonprofits, elected officials, and mental health advocates came out in force to LA State Historic Park to show that mental health matters and to raise funds for NAMI GLAC's no-cost programming.





2,500 Walk \$352,173 Day Attendees Raised







42 Community Sponsors







Together Again for Mental Health, NAMI GLAC's annual countywide conference, gathered 250 Angelenos for informative breakout sessions and inspiring keynote presentations, including CA HHS Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. At the 2023 LA Marathon, our family of Half-Marathon and Full-Marathon participants raised awareness about NAMI, empowered others to seek help, inspired change, and **raised \$15,000** to fund our programs!



We Offer Help & Hope





Launched in September 2023, the CalHOPE Warmline offers no-cost accessible, equitable, and empathetic support to individuals and families impacted by mental illness.

The CalHOPE team **assisted 179 Angelenos in its first four months**, helping them to find resources and connect authentically with someone who cares.

Many local Chapters run their own **Helplines**. Their volunteers **supported over 3,840 individuals** via calls, texts, and emails by connecting them with local programs and resources.





Through our **Peer Support Specialist Program**, NAMI GLAC **guided 21 individuals** in earning their training certification and gaining paid or volunteer positions within the mental health field.

We Advocate

NAMI GLAC advocated for a wide range of **legislation** impacting Angelenos with serious mental illness:

- The CARE Act
- Proposition 1
- SB43

We also advocated for our **public policy priorities**:

- Jail diversion and other alternatives to incarceration
- Supportive housing
- Re-Entry support
 after incarceration
- Individualized treatment plans for the unhoused









With over 100 members, our advocacy committees help Angelenos create real change in our county.

Our Advocacy Committee focuses on:

- County and state mental health issues
- System reform and legislation
- Supportive housing and services
- Mental health parity

Our **Criminal Justice Committee** focuses on:

- Changes to state legislation affecting people with serious mental illness
- Countywide reforms to Care First, Jails Last, such as advocacy for jail diversion programs
- Jail issues, such as the closure of Men's Central jail and the building of non-carceral facilities

Want to learn more about our advocacy efforts? Ready to join one of our Advocacy Committees? Use the QR code to start your advocacy journey!



Support Our Mission

Join Our Community

NAMI GLAC is powered by dedicated Angelenos **just like you**! There are many ways you can get involved and support our vital work. **Use the QR Codes below to learn more**









Invest In Mental Health for All

In addition to **monthly and onetime donations**, you can support NAMI GLAC's mission through a **variety of giving options**:

- DIY Fundraising Events
- Donor-Advised Funds
- Qualified Charitable Distributions
- Stock and Crypto Gifts
- Corporate Giving
- Employer Matching Gifts

Use the QR Code

to make your donation or to learn more about all the different ways you can give.





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