

Success in the 2022 Legislative Session

Overall NAMI Washington supported 92 bills around behavioral health. Thirty-four of our bills passed and 51 died during the 2022 legislative session. All but one of our bills on our Legislative Agenda passed!

Legislative Priority Wins in 2022

- HB 1735 Ensure law enforcement can respond to behavioral health crisis calls.
- HB1688 Expands the definition of emergency services to include post stabilization services and emergency services provided by behavioral health emergency service providers.
- **HB1773** Fixes the Assisted Outpatient Treatment law and making it easier for courts to use and expand who can petition for the court order.
- **HB1890** Creates a strategic plan advisory group under the children and youth behavioral health work group for the purpose of developing a behavioral health strategic plan for children, youth transitioning to adulthood, and their caregivers.

2022 Budget Wins

- 1. 7% Medicaid rate increase for behavioral health rates
- 2. \$100 million for BH workforce stabilization.
- 3. \$3.7 million for HIV medications
- 4. \$4.7 million for Assisted Outpatient Treatment

How Can You Get Involved?

- Sign up to receive NAMI Washington's policy and advocacy updates and information and check out bill tracking here!
- Check out NAMI Washington affiliates' online support groups.