NAMI Washington
2023 Legislative Priorities

School-Based Early Intervention and Prevention Education
Provide students with equitable access to school-based primary prevention programs to reduce anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts and promote academic engagement and success.

Increase access to Psychiatric Prescribers
Creates a new prescribing psychology credential to increase access and availability of prescribers. Prescribing psychologists offer robust integrated care by offering talk therapies with medication management to offer the blend of care that works for individuals.

Strengthen the 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response System
Provide a full continuum of crisis response services by supporting and increasing behavioral health workforce, increasing mobile crisis response units and funding community-based behavioral health services.

Additional Priorities
- Expand access to Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- Increase Medicaid rates for behavioral healthcare providers

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