

## **NAMI Washington (updated March 6, 2026)**

### ***Main Statement for Media and Stakeholders***

NAMI's national board of directors made the difficult decision to revoke the charter of NAMI Washington in January 2026. NAMI is committed to continuing to serve the people of Washington. Our focus now is on maintaining the continuity of programs for those affected by mental illness, work we believe will ultimately result in a stronger NAMI presence.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

#### **What changes are taking place with NAMI Washington?**

NAMI's national board of directors made the difficult decision to revoke the charter of NAMI Washington in January 2026.

#### **Why did NAMI's national board of directors choose to revoke the charter of NAMI Washington?**

NAMI National does not publicly disclose the specific circumstances that lead to a charter revocation. These decisions follow a careful and deliberate review process and are made only when necessary to protect the integrity of the NAMI organization and ensure that communities continue to have access to stable, mission-aligned support and services.

#### **Will individuals in Washington continue to have access to mental health services and support?**

NAMI is focused on maintaining the continuity of programs, services, and resources for individuals and families across Washington; providing support to the existing affiliates; and collaborating with local partners to rebuild a strong and sustainable NAMI presence in Washington. NAMI remains committed to helping build better lives for the residents of Washington state and to collaborating with our Washington affiliates to achieve that mission.

We are working closely with local affiliates to ensure key programs and services continue without disruption. NAMI National is coordinating directly with local leaders to assess current capacity, provide guidance, and support ongoing program delivery while a long-term organizational structure is developed.

#### **Where can individuals access NAMI services and support in Washington?**

Eighteen (18) NAMI affiliates are located throughout Washington. Individuals may learn more about their services and offerings at the following links:

##### King County area

- NAMI Eastside (WA) — <https://nami-eastside.org/>
- NAMI Seattle — <https://namiseattle.org/>
- NAMI South King County — <https://namisouthkingcounty.org/>

##### Puget Sound / West Washington

- NAMI Thurston/Mason — <https://namitm.org/>
- NAMI Kitsap County — <https://namikitsap.org/>
- NAMI Jefferson County — <https://namijeffcowa.org/>
- NAMI Washington Coast — <https://www.namiwa.org/wacoast>
- NAMI Southwest Washington — <https://namiswwa.org/>

### Central / Eastern Washington

- NAMI Lewis County — <https://namilewiscountywa.org/>
- NAMI North Central Washington — <https://naminorthcentralwa.org/>
- NAMI Kittitas County — <https://namikittitas.org/>
- NAMI Yakima — <https://namiyakima.org/>
- NAMI Tri-Cities — <https://namitricities.org/>
- NAMI Walla Walla — <https://namiwallawalla.org/>
- NAMI Spokane <https://namispokane.org/>

### Northwest Washington

- NAMI Whatcom — <https://www.namiwhatcom.org/>
- NAMI Skagit — <https://namiskagit.org/>

### Western Washington

- NAMI Pierce County — <https://namipierce.org/>

#### **Will current NAMI Washington programs continue?**

People participating in NAMI programs should know that support remains available. NAMI's commitment to individuals and families affected by mental health conditions in Washington has not changed.

We encourage people to engage with their local NAMI programs and affiliates. NAMI National is working to ensure that support groups, educational programs, and other services remain accessible during this transition. If people have questions about specific programs, they are encouraged to reach out to their local NAMI affiliate or visit [NAMI.org](https://www.nami.org) for additional resources and information.

#### **What is the future of NAMI Washington?**

NAMI is developing a clear, disciplined action plan for rebuilding NAMI Washington. NAMI is committed to completing this work with care, intentionality, transparency, and accuracy so that the next state organization is foundationally stable and sustainable.

#### **Who will oversee the NAMI affiliates operating in Washington?**

NAMI National will oversee and provide support to the NAMI affiliates operating in Washington during this transition. NAMI remains committed to helping build better lives for the residents of Washington state and to collaborate with our Washington affiliates to achieve that mission.

#### **Does NAMI regularly revoke the charters of its state organizations?**

This is the first time in NAMI's history that it has revoked the charter of a state organization.

#### **Does this decision impact any other NAMI state organizations or affiliates?**

This decision is limited to NAMI Washington and does not implicate any other NAMI state organizations or affiliates.