



2026 Legislative Priorities

Priority One: Maintain Current Behavioral Health Investments

- Maintain \$500,000 funding for peer-led community-based programs for NAMI Washington
- Maintain \$125,000 funding for NAMI WA expansion of outreach services in rural areas--focus on Latino, Native American, and agricultural communities
- Maintain funding for behavioral health services and resources

Priority Two: Support Youth Behavioral Health

- SB 5369 Enhancing youth mental health and well being through advance training and expansion of the workforce in schools
- HB 1259 Concerning supervision requirements for behavioral health professionals in elementary and secondary public schools
- SB 5126 Establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health

Priority Three: Decriminalize Mental Illness

- HB 1220 Concerning appropriate response to assaults by individuals in behavioral health crisis

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