

NAMI Kansas 2024 Public Policy and Advocacy Priorities

Mental Health Crisis Response and Suicide Prevention

- Establish **Sustainable Funding for 988**
- Establish, Expand, and Fund **Mobile Crisis Teams**
- Increase Availability, Capacity, and Access to **Crisis Stabilization Services**
- Support **Policing Standards and Training** Associated with Crisis Response Improvement

Access to Quality, Affordable Mental Health Care

- **Expand Medicaid**
- Increase **Medicaid Reimbursement Rates**
- Eliminate Harmful **Step Therapy** Practices
- Develop Accessible, Affordable Robust **Broadband** Across Kansas
- Increase **Telehealth** Availability and Accessibility for Mental Health Care
- Enhance and Enforce **Parity Laws**
- Strengthen and Develop the **Mental Health Workforce**

Early Intervention and Treatment Options

- Increase Access to **School-Based Services and Screenings**
- Increase **Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Screenings**
- Implement **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Programs**
- Include **Mental Health Education** in Curricula

Person-Centered Care

- Enact **Supported Decision-Making Agreement** Legislation as a Mid-Level Alternative to Guardianship
- Promote **Shared Decision-Making** Approaches
- Establish and Expand **Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Programs**
- Increase Access to **Specialty Courts**
- Support **Coordinated Specialty Care** Investment and Coverage
- Housing - Support current efforts to alleviate the lack of housing in the community.