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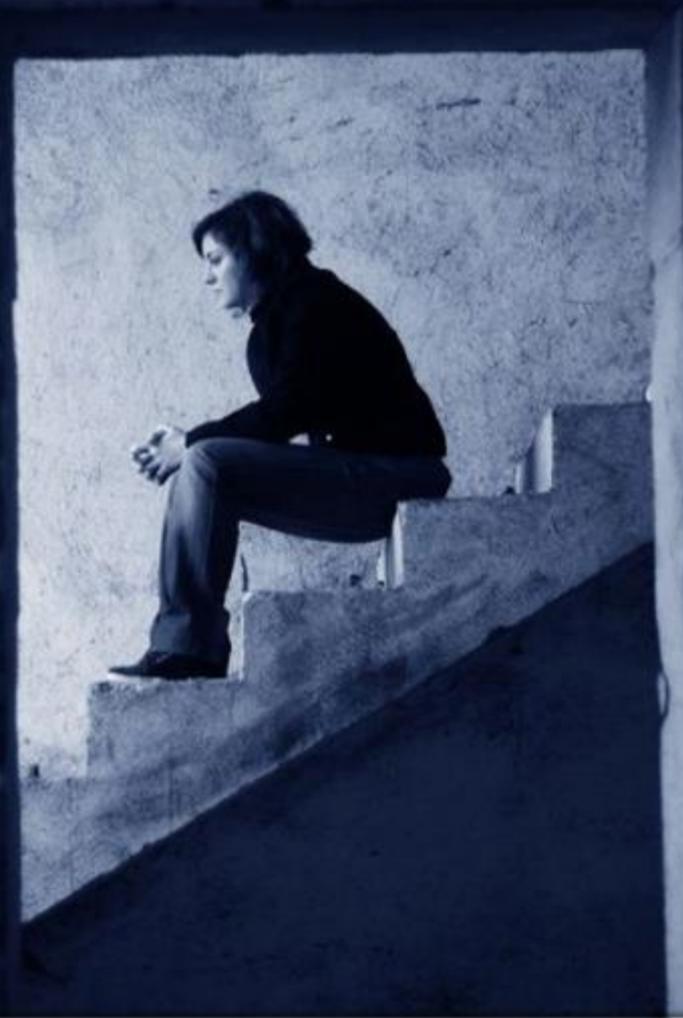
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**What would you do if
you or a loved one was
diagnosed with a
mental illness?**

Lonely
Confused
Afraid





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How We Can Help!

What is NAMI?

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The nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by mental illness.

Who is NAMI?

Mission Statement

- The Mission of NAMI Antelope Valley is to provide Outreach, Education, Support and Advocacy to anyone impacted by mental illness.



Hope



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How do we accomplish this?

Outreach

- Community Networking
- Help Line
- Referrals
- Outreach Navigators
- LPS Conservatorship Navigators

Educational Programs

- Family to Family
- Peer to Peer
- Basics
- Homefront
- Ending the Silence presentation

Support Groups

- Family and Friends Support Groups
- Spanish Language Family Support Group
- NAMI Peer Connection Support Group

Speaker Meetings

- Monthly General Meeting
- Continuing Education for Family Members
- Variety of Topics
 - Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment
 - Unlisted: A Story of Schizophrenia
 - Special Needs Trusts
 - The Discovery of Recovery
 - Ask The Doctor
 - The Inner Game of Stress
 - In Our Own Voice
 - Tapping the Power of Mindfulness for Recovery
 - Choices In Recovery
 - Los Angeles County's Department of Mental Health Office of Consumer and Family Affairs

NAMI Programs

- NAMI on Campus
 - Mental health support groups on college and high school campuses

Ending the Silence

- One-hour school program
- Educating students, student's family members or administrators, teachers and school staff
- Team presentation
- Standard program from NAMI National
- Recruiting additional presenters

Ending the Silence

- Free educational presentation for High School students
- Presented by two NAMI trained members to High School classes
- 50 minute presentation by trained consumer and family member
- Educates students on facts of mental illness
- Identifies signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Talks about recovery

In Our Own Voice

- A NAMI Public Education Program
- Presented by two consumers to various groups in the community, such as:
 - Law Enforcement, Schools, Faith-based Organizations, Mental Health Professionals
- A discussion in five stages:
 - Dark Days, Acceptance, Treatment, Coping Skills, Successes/Hopes/Dreams
- Puts a “face” on mental illness and reduces stigma
- Conveys the message of hope for recover

Advocacy

- Working with Los Angeles County providers and local/state legislators to increase support
- Training law enforcement officers in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)



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- **All** programs, services and classes are
Free of charge!
- NAMI AV is funded by donations
and membership dues



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