

NAMI Alabama wins national award



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The National Alliance on Mental Illness Alabama has been selected as the NAMI "Outstanding State Organization" for 2016.

The Outstanding State Organization Award is given to recognize exceptional efforts on the state level in carrying out the NAMI mission as defined by the NAMI Standard of Excellence. The Alabama office was recognized for its board leadership, governance and being a leader in their advocacy effort.

NAMI Alabama is fighting to rebuild an eroded mental health system and is cultivating a new bench of advocates, stated Wanda Laird, NAMI Alabama executive director. It galvanized the grassroots when faced with a 30 percent budget cut, hosting a NAMI Smarts teacher training for 14 volunteers who sent emails and made phone calls to legislators. The effort resulted in the mental health budget maintaining its 2014 levels.

The award will be presented July 9 at the 2016 National Convention at the Sheraton Denver Downtown at the annual business meeting, "Act. Advocate. Achieve."

NAMI Alabama's mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for persons with mental illnesses, their families, and others whose lives are affected by these brain disorders. Thousands of individuals are served through the state organization which has 18 affiliates around the state.

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