

Maryland General Assembly and 2016 Advocacy Day



The 2016 [Maryland General Assembly](#) began January 13, 2016. It is anticipated that at least 2,000 or more bills will be filed this session. Over the next 90 days Maryland legislators will work diligently to ensure that every bill has a fair hearing and vote. NAMI Maryland is dedicated to advancing policies that will ensure ***individuals with mental illness and their families have access to timely and effective mental health treatment, focused on prevention and recovery services throughout the state of Maryland.***

In the next few days, you will receive an email with information about how to monitor the bills NAMI Maryland is tracking during the General Assembly session. NAMI Maryland will also send Action Alerts, throughout the session, when we need you to email or call your elected official and ask for their support or opposition to a certain bill. Further, we plan to send frequent updates regarding NAMI Maryland's legislative activities.

Please don't forget to register for Advocacy Day on February 25. This is an opportunity to meet with your elected officials and their legislative staff. This is a time to share your story as well as advocate for access to high-quality mental health care services and adequate funding for the public mental health care system. In addition to meeting with legislators, we hope you will take the time to attend the Maryland Behavioral Health Coalition Rally to help send a clear message to all state legislators not to cut the behavioral health budget.

For more information about Advocacy Day, including schedule, location and how to register, please visit http://www.namimd.org/advocacy/advocacy_day