

ADVOCACY/PUBLIC POLICY



ADVOCACY NETWORK



Ed Von Lindern Advocacy Award



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**Interbranch Advisory Committee on Mental
Health Initiatives**



**Improving Responses to Individuals with Mental
Illness in New Jersey**

The New Jersey Supreme Court

**Turn your passion and your
lived experience**

NAMI SMARTS
— for —
ADVOCACY

into a positive voice for mental health with the
NAMI Smarts for Advocacy grassroots
advocacy training

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Law Enforcement Education



MENTAL ILLNESS CRISIS

DO:

1. **REMEMBER:** a person with a mental illness has the **RIGHT to FAIR TREATMENT** and police protection.
2. Carefully **ASSESS THE SITUATION** for dangerousness.
3. **MAINTAIN ADEQUATE SPACE** between you and the subject.
4. **BE CALM.**
5. **BE HELPFUL.** Respond to basic needs.
6. **GIVE FIRMA, CLEAR DIRECTIONS;** one person should talk to the subject.
7. **RESPOND TO FEELINGS,** rather than content.
8. Respond to **DELUSIONS** by talking about the person's feelings rather than what he or she is saying.

1000 Mental Health Screening Law:
30:427.7 A law enforcement officer... acting in good faith pursuant to this act who takes reasonable steps to assess, take custody of, detain or transport an individual for the purpose of mental health assessment or treatment is immune from civil and criminal liability.

DON'T

1. **ARREST** a person for mentally ill behavior not criminal in nature.
2. **JOIN** into behavior related to the person's mental illness.
3. **STARE** at the subject.
4. **CONFUSE** the subject. One person should interact with the subject. Follow through with directions or commands.
5. **TOUCH** the subject unless necessary. For people with mental illnesses it may cause fear and lead to violence.
6. **GIVE MULTIPLE CHOICES.** This can increase the subject's confusion.
7. **WHISPER, JOKE OR LAUGH.**
8. **DECEIVE** the subject. Dishonesty increases fear and suspicion; the subject will likely remember it in any subsequent contacts.

24 hour CRISIS HOTLINE:

Psychiatric Emergency Screening

Provided by NAMI NEW JERSEY
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North Brunswick, NJ 08902

NEW JERSEY STATE FAMILY SUPPORT PLAN



**for FAMILIES of PERSONS
with a
SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS**

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKGROUPS

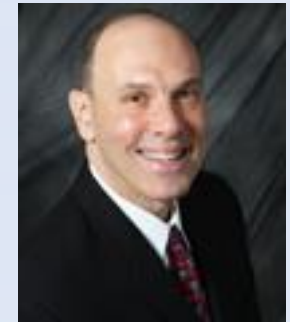
- **Members**

- Francine Bates
- Denise Berg
- Elaine Braid
- Larry Cartwright
- Robert Chain
- Eileen Danielenko
- Gail Dembin
- Jeri Doherty
- Walter Dudzinski
- Fern Fine
- Elaine Goodman
- Ruth Heald
- Bill Hoffman
- Sudhir Jain
- Mike Jones
- Samuel Levy
- Jeff Nelson
- Barbara Rogers
- Don Seip
- Rachel Stetser
- Felix Ullrich
- Bob Von Bargaen
- Angie Wall
- April Wilson

- **Participants**

- Claire Cooney
- Ruth Crawford
- Maureen Donais
- Mary Beth Elliott
- Marge Evers
- Elaine Fehrenbach
- Susan Ferranti
- Annie Glynn
- Eileen Griffith
- Anna Guida
- Brenda Hahn
- Mary Iodicola
- Pat Klint
- Bunny McGee
- Carol McGough
- Beth McPartland
- Ginger Siefring
- Martha Silva
- Michele Turley
- Peggy Whelahan

Intensive Family Support Services



Re-Affiliation With NAMI



About NAMI Who We Are



What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health.



- Today, we are an association of hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations and volunteers who work in local communities
- to raise awareness
 - provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.

With prominence comes accountability



The Public wants to know about

- Our Structure
- Our Programs
- Our Governance
- Our Finances

Best Practices



NAMI has developed Standards of Excellence a list of “Best Practices” to ensure NAMI is the strong and vibrant presence we need it to be in order to meet the needs of individuals and families whose lives have been affected by mental illness into the future.

But we know that you are
already doing so much!



WE want to help you through the re-affiliation process

- I am available to meet with you or your Board individually to go over what needs to be done and how to accomplish it.
- There are templates already made for the vast amount of work that needs to be done.
- NAMI New Jersey can provide some financial assistance to those affiliates with limited resources for the cost of insurance.
- We have arranged for free legal assistance

And Most of All

We want you to know that we appreciate the work that you do for making NAMI the life changing, life saving organization to which we are all committed.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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**The heart of a
volunteer is not
measured in size, but
by the depth of the
commitment to make
a difference in the
lives of others.**