



Six Reasons why NAMI California supports Prop 1

We are experiencing a historic moment for mental health as our state leaders are prioritizing the modernization of California's behavioral health system. NAMI California is proud to support Proposition 1 as a meaningful and much-needed investment in mental health. Proposition 1 reforms and strengthens the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), providing funding for services and resources to those living with the most severe mental illness, while also significantly increasing treatment beds, providing much-needed resources for mental health care.

NAMI California proudly collaborated with the legislature and Governor Newsom to ensure that the needs of those experiencing serious mental illness and their families were included in the modernization efforts and that enhanced state oversight is prioritized.

1. Significantly increases treatment beds, providing funding for 11,000 behavioral health beds and 27,000 outpatient beds to meet the needs of those experiencing severe mental illness.
2. Provides additional resources for housing, including both community and acute care settings, which address the unique challenges faced by veterans grappling with behavioral health issues.
3. Makes necessary updates to the MHSA, providing funding for services and resources to those living with the most severe mental illness.
4. Enhances state oversight of counties, guaranteeing they are accountable for investments generated through the bond and that voter approval is required for any future amendments.
5. Cements critical resources within the legislative framework to ensure the original MHSA intent remains intact, including funding prioritized for outreach and engagement and stigma reduction and prevention.
6. Increases funding in the Behavioral Health Supports and Services funding bucket, while also funding supportive services such as family engagement and psycho-education.