



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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## **NAMI NH Policy Regarding Training/Education and NH's "Divisive Concepts" Law (July 2021)**

*Approved by NAMI NH's Public Policy Committee (7/12/21) and Board Executive Committee (7/16/21).*

In fulfilling our mission to improve the lives of all people impacted by mental illness and suicide, NAMI New Hampshire is committed to the importance of addressing the negative impacts that racism, sexism and homophobia have on mental health/public health. The Strategic Plan adopted by our Board of Directors in May of 2021 calls for incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion as it relates to mental health, into our organization. Consistent with our mission, we will do this through support, education and advocacy.

As an independent 501(c)(3) organization, the divisive concepts language included in the NH State Budget does not apply to NAMI NH. As such, during educational or other program offerings NAMI NH hosts, we will not engage in debate or non-productive conversations about interpreting this law. Concerns regarding NAMI NH's approach to NH's divisive concept law may be addressed directly to the NAMI NH Executive Director. NAMI NH recognizes the divisive concepts law will apply to schools and other governmental organizations which we frequently partner with, and we will cooperate with them to ensure any educational/training programs we offer will comply with (anticipated) official guidance/interpretation regarding the NH divisive concepts law.

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### **About NAMI New Hampshire**

*NAMI New Hampshire is a grassroots organization working to improve the lives of all people affected by mental illness and suicide through support, education and advocacy.*

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