

# **MEDIA ADVISORY MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET CUTS PRESS CONFERENCE**

**WHO:** [NAMI STATE]  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** State Capitol Building, Room 2010  
123 Legislature Avenue, Capital City

**WHAT:** A press conference to call on the Legislature to protect state mental health services from budget cuts that shift costs elsewhere

- Arnold Bell, NAMI Board president
- Cathy Daytime, MD, chair, Community Services Board director
- Edward Friend, local chief of police
- Gina Hello, peer counselor who lives with schizophrenia

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## **WHY You Should Cover**

- Approximately [[your state number](#)] adults and [[your state number](#)] children and teenagers in [State] live with serious mental illness.
- The state mental health care system is in crisis. While economic distress has increased, the need for mental health care also has increased..

The state shouldn't be pennywise and pound foolish. The governor has proposed [\$\_\_\_\_] in mental health cuts. Those cuts will shift costs to emergency rooms, schools, police and local courts.

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