

# **NAMI** Ending the Silence

National Alliance on Mental Illness

## What is NAMI Ending the Silence?

NAMI Ending the Silence is a free presentation designed to give audience members an opportunity to learn about mental illness through an informative Power Point and short videos. There are three types of Ending the Silence presentations: one for Students, one for School Staff, and one for Families. Each presentation outlines symptoms of mental health conditions and gives attendees ideas about how to help themselves, friends, or family members who may need support. Additionally, all 3 presentations include personal testimony from a young adult living with a mental health condition and his/her journey to recovery.

NAMI Fairbanks, the local organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, offers its in-person NAMI Ending the Silence presentations to Fairbanks area middle and high schools, parent-teacher associations, and school staff.



## Audience Perspectives

“It is amazing what just one day, one talk can do. You never really know what’s going on in the brain of any particular student.” -Teacher

“I’m really grateful and glad that you talked to us. I often feel very alone or weird because many kids my age don’t understand. But, now I’m sure they would be more supportive of me.” -Student

Contact us to schedule a NAMI Ending the Silence presentation for your school!



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## About NAMI

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Fairbanks is an affiliate of NAMI Alaska. NAMI Fairbanks and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.