



## 2018 NAMI Texas Conference

NAMI Texas leads education, support and advocacy for people living with mental illness through a network of local affiliates in 28 communities across the state. With your help, last year NAMI Texas improved life in Texas for people with mental illness by:

- **Educating** - 1,300 trained volunteer teachers, facilitators and presenters, all of whom have a lived experience, across the state,
- **Supporting** - 26,000 people who learned how to live with mental illness and support others through local affiliates' presentations, workshops and events, and
- **Advocating** –32 times our trained advocates (with lived mental health experience) testified during the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session, resulting in *all* NAMI Texas priority bills that made it to the Governor's desk becoming law.

**The statewide NAMI Texas Conference** gathers more than 200 mental health experts, people living with mental illness, and supportive friends and family together to learn, share, and heal.

### Empower and heal Texans living with mental illness:

- Align your brand with the **only statewide organization that empowers people with lived experience** to give help and hope to others.
- Highlight your company's **commitment** to mental health care and recovery.
- **Keep this crucial conference affordable** for peers and families traveling from across the state.

"When I am teaching a class or sharing my story then I am not at home allowing for my dark thinking and depression to take root and get out of hand. It helps so much to talk about everything that I have experienced in my life due to my mental health diagnosis. I help peers know they are not alone and our dreams and life are not over because of a diagnosis."

- Michelle

## **Empower Texans living with mental illness!**

### **Invitation to Exhibit**

#### **General Information**

##### *Why Exhibit?*

- To showcase your products, services and publications to families, consumers, caregivers and health care professionals who are seeking to keep abreast of new developments in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.
- To reach your prime market – those who will use your information, product, or service. NAMI Texas members can also provide valuable input on new products, services and publications.
- To meet your customers and gain knowledge and useful feedback about their needs for products and services.

##### *Important Dates/Deadlines*

September 21, 2018                      Application deadline  
September 21, 2018                      Artwork for conference program due

#### **Exhibit Information**

##### *Cost to Participate*

- \$1,000 – For-profit rate/one 6' exhibit table, 2 conference admissions
- \$500 – Nonprofit rate/one 6' exhibit table, 2 conference admissions
- \$250 – No exhibit space, opportunity to place product in 300 participant conference registration bags (product must be received by NAMI Texas by October 15, 2018 for inclusion in the bags)

##### *Reserving Exhibit Space*

To apply for space, please complete the enclosed application form and exhibit space contract, and return it to:

NAMI Texas, Attn: Annual Conference  
P.O. Box 300817, Austin, TX 78703  
Phone: 512-693-2000

Your signed contract, fee payment and conference program artwork are due no later than September 21, 2018. NAMI Texas reserves the right to accept or reject, at its discretion, any request to exhibit.

##### *What is included in sponsorship booth space?*

- One 6' x 3' skirted table (or equivalent space, if table is not desired)
- Complimentary listing in the conference program
- A display of your logo under exhibit section of conference program
- Your logo listed on the NAMI Texas website, [www.namitexas.org](http://www.namitexas.org)

##### *Exhibit Hall Hours*

All booths must be open and should be staffed during exhibit hours. Exhibits open at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018. Dismantling and/or packing may not begin before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27.

**NAMI Texas Annual Conference Exhibit Space Contract**

Send this completed invoice to: [executive.director@NAMITexas.org](mailto:executive.director@NAMITexas.org) or register online: <http://bit.ly/2018NAMITX>

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Please recognize our donation with this name:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Giving levels:**

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**Payment options:**

Check payable to NAMI Texas is enclosed

Please charge my credit card

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_

*Staffing:* Two complimentary badges are included with each booth. Please list the names of individuals who will staff your booth.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if your exhibit staff will be attending meals by checking the appropriate boxes:

Saturday, October 27 Breakfast

Saturday, October 28 Lunch

Exhibitor hotel reservations should be made directly with the Austin Marriott South Hotel at 4415 S IH 35 Frontage Rd, Austin, TX 78744 for the \$159.00 single/double conference rate. To make reservations, call 512-441-7900 and ask for the NAMI Texas conference rate.

**HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE:** By accepting NAMI Texas’ invitation to exhibit, the exhibitor assumes the entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of exhibit’s activities on the Austin Marriott South Hotel premises and will indemnify, defend and hold harmless both NAMI Texas and the Hotel, its agents, servants and employees from any and all such losses, damages and claim.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NAMI Texas 2018 Annual Conference Exhibitor Rules and Regulations**

### **Codes and Agreements**

Exhibitor hereby agrees to be bound by the “Exhibitor Rules and Regulations.” Exhibitor further agrees to adhere to and be bound by all applicable fire, utility and building codes and regulations; any rules or regulations of the Austin Marriott South Hotel terms of all leases and agreements between NAMI Texas and any other party relating to the exhibition. Exhibitor shall not, nor shall exhibitor permit others, to do anything to the booth or do anything in the hotel which would cause a difference in condition from those previously approved by the insurance carriers of NAMI Texas, or the owners or managers of the hotel, which will in any way increase premiums payable by any of said parties.

### **Furnishings**

This contract for use of space provides standard 6’ x 3’ skirted table and 2 chairs. Extra tables, chairs, accessories, drapery, signs, electrical outlets, audiovisual equipment, etc. are the sole responsibility of Exhibitor and should be requested from Austin Marriott South.

### **Shipping**

NAMI Texas will not be responsible for receiving shipped exhibit materials or for the packaging and return of materials after the conference, nor are we responsible for shipping charges for exhibitor materials. Materials may be shipped directly to the hotel, but should not be shipped to arrive earlier than October 25, 2018. Include the following info on your shipping label:

NAMI Texas Conference

Your Name

Dates: October 26 – 27, 2018

Hotel contact: Austin Marriott South Hotel  
4415 S IH 35 Frontage Rd, Austin, TX 78744

### **Exclusion**

NAMI Texas shall have the right to exclude or require modification of any display or demonstration which in its sole discretion, it considers unsuitable to or not in keeping with the character of the exhibition. NAMI Texas shall have the right to prohibit the use of amplifying equipment or music, which it considers objectionable. Exhibitors are prohibited from using strolling entertainment, presenting demonstrations or solicitations except in their own booth space. No exhibitor shall sublet, assign, or share any part of the space allotted without the expressed consent of NAMI Texas. Exhibitor signs, displays and flyers are prohibited in any of the public spaces or elsewhere on the premises of the Austin Marriott South.

### **Security**

NAMI Texas will arrange with the staff of the hotel to secure the exhibit area on a 24-hour basis after the show begins and until it ends. Such service shall not be construed by either party to be an assumption of obligation, liability or duty with respect to the protection of the property of exhibitors, which shall at all times remain the sole possession, custody, and responsibility of each exhibitor.

### **Cancellation of Exhibit**

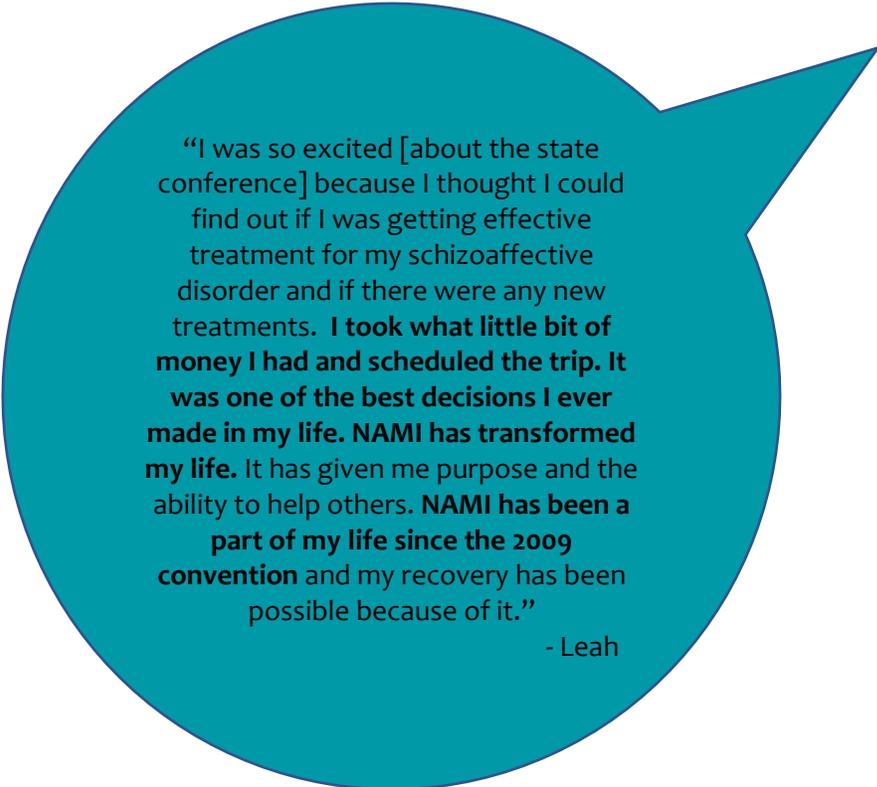
In the event, due to acts of God, fire, strike, government relations, or other causes beyond the control of NAMI Texas, this Exhibition is canceled, NAMI Texas will refund that portion of the exhibit fee deemed consistent with the expenditure and commitments already made.

### **Cancellation of Exhibit Space**

Exhibitor shall have the right to cancel this agreement by written notice to NAMI Texas. Cancellations received up to October 1, 2018 will be refunded the rental fee. No refunds will be made on cancellations received after October 1, 2018. NAMI Texas retains the right to re-sell any booth space canceled by the exhibitor.

### **Liability**

Insurance and liability are the full and sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. This agreement shall not constitute or be considered a partnership, joint venture, or agency between NAMI Texas and the Exhibitor. Exhibitor hereby agrees to and does indemnify, hold harmless, and defend NAMI Texas from and against any and all liability, responsibility, loss, damage, cost, or expense of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to cost, interest, and attorney's fees) which arise directly or indirectly from any intentional or negligent acts or omissions by Exhibitor or any of its employees, invitees, or agents. The Austin Marriott South Hotel shall not be responsible in any way for damage, loss, or destruction of any property of Exhibitor or its representatives, agency, employees, licensees, or invitees.



“I was so excited [about the state conference] because I thought I could find out if I was getting effective treatment for my schizo affective disorder and if there were any new treatments. **I took what little bit of money I had and scheduled the trip. It was one of the best decisions I ever made in my life. NAMI has transformed my life.** It has given me purpose and the ability to help others. **NAMI has been a part of my life since the 2009 convention** and my recovery has been possible because of it.”

- Leah