Your NAMI Texas Conference is Next Week!

Education, support and advocacy are the heart of the NAMI experience. This year’s NAMI Texas Conference offers workshops by statewide experts on the latest developments in trauma, prevention, recovery, and advocacy. See the whole schedule! Workshops start at 2 pm on Friday and end with our Peer Panel at 6:30 pm Saturday, just in time to head out for dinner on your own. Stay the night and enjoy Austin on Sunday!

Conference only – $115
Conference only (non-member) – $140
Conference + Awards Gala – $180
Conference + Awards Gala (non-member) – $200

Registration rates go up on October 21st. Register today!

Continuing Education Credits for LMFT, LPC and LMSW (9 CEUs) available at no additional charge.

The conference hotel is Austin Marriott South, 4415 South IH-35, Austin 78744. Reserve your room or call: 1-888-758-0895 and ask for the NAMI Texas discounted rate.

Register now!

Elise Banks: Why I Support NAMI
Growing up, my parents would say if we were discussing something only meant for our family: “This is family talk.” The phrase was a way for my family to establish boundaries around topics that were private. Many of us in the black community are taught from an early age not to share personal and/or family information with others. For some, it’s a sign of weakness. Many do not want to be judged. For others, the resources for proper support simply are not there. This mindset deters individuals from getting the mental and emotional help they need. That’s why I support NAMI.

When I was 21 and suffered a serious relationship loss, I needed help. I learned the value of a mental health professional. I learned more about myself, made improvements to our family dynamic, and developed more compassion and empathy.

Elise N. Banks, M.S., LPC is a clinical psychotherapist in private practice in Houston and serves on the board of the Menninger Clinic Foundation. As Miss International 2015, Elise was one of the first NAMI National Ambassadors. She also serves on the NAMI Texas Board of Directors and volunteers with NAMI Houston. When Elise is not working or advocating, she speaks on mental health topics affecting children, teens, and adults. Elise will serve as MC at the NAMI Texas Awards Celebration.

"It I have made it my life’s work to make sure that all individuals, including African-Americans, know the resources available to them if and when they are needed." - Elise Banks

Donate Now!

Celebrate a Special Night with NAMI Friends

Join your NAMI friends and family to recognize the dedication, courage and hard work of statewide mental health heroes! This year’s NAMI Texas Award Celebration will include inspiring stories, a delightful dinner and drinks, exciting raffle and a special performance. Honorary co-chairs are Angelique and Rep. Garnet F. Coleman (Houston) and Karen and Rep. Four Price (Amarillo). Rep. Price and Rep. Coleman exemplify leaders who recognize mental health as a key priority for Texans.

Exciting raffle items have been gathered by Celebration Chairs Linda Cantu and Mary Ferree, along with the NAMI board of directors. Elise Banks, NAMI Texas board member, returns to lead the program. A special treat this year will be a performance of a song written for the evening by Just Louis with Alexa Doggett.

Awards Celebration Ticket (NAMI member) - $75
Awards Celebration Ticket (non-member) - $85

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