

Organization Name: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) -
Gainesville Affiliate

Organization Info

Year Established: 2011

Most Recent 990 Year: 2019

Total Revenue: \$79,021

Total Expenses: \$73,529

Philanthropy Hub Profile Created: No

Program Snapshot

Program Name: Mental Health of Alachua County Children – Support, Educate & Advocate

Contract Number: 11566

Award Amount: 38577

Expenditures through 9/30/20: \$20,571 %: 53.3

Extension Requested: Yes, with increase in funding as proposed in email on July 30, 2020

Type of Program: Health - Mental/Behavioral Health

Program Summary: Mental health presentations to Alachua County Students and child/youth peer mentoring for children and youth with serious mental illnesses

Target Population: School-Age: Middle School & High School

Program Staffing: Child/Youth Mentors and Mental Health Presenters

Program Site(s): County-Wide

Partner(s): Shands at Vista, Partnersip for Strong Families and Meridian

To be completed by the Providing Agency

How much?	Actual	How well?	Actual	Anyone better off?	Actual
<p>Expected # of children to be served:</p> <p>Intensity of Services:</p> <p>One-time Events</p> <p># of attendees to mental health presentations/education</p>	<p>18 children/youth with SMI (Serious Mental Illnesses) are in the program, 5 applicants pending</p>	<p>% of attendees to mental health presentations /education</p>	<p>Presentations suspended when schools were suspended</p>	<p>Reduction in the # of mental health "crisis" events</p>	<p>100% success – no youth in the program have been Baker Acted</p>

Project Narrative:

Describe what has been accomplished year-to-date.

Include any adjustments due to COVID-19 or any other helpful information

The youth mentoring program was created to serve children and youth with serious mental illnesses who have been Baker Acted one or more times and have a high risk of being Baker Acted again. The program's goals are to: 1) stabilize the children/youth in a manner to prevent recurring Baker Acts, 2) teach them the coping skills they'll need to learn to manage their illnesses, and 3) help them develop goals and the ability to achieve their goals.

The program is currently serving 18 mentees and there are 5 applicants who's applications are in processing or they are waiting for a match with a mentor. None of the youth who are in the program have been Baker Acted since entering the program.

Shands Vista and Partnership for Strong Families have requested a plan to "ramp up" the Youth Mentoring program to accept mentees at a faster rate. Shands has also requested a modification to the program that would allow the mentors to start working with children/youth while they are still in the hospital to allow the mentors to help develop the release plan, walk the children out of the hospital and stay with them long-term to help them achieve the three goals referenced above.

Due to COVID-19 the mentor program's implementation was delayed approximately 30%. Due to schools being suspended the plan to expand the Ending the Silence presentations to present to all 8th and 11th grade students in Alachua County was suspended as well.