

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be NAMI Franklin County Students. The organization is affiliated with NAMI Franklin County and operates in alignment with the mission and vision of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Franklin County.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

NAMI Franklin County Students exists to provide education, advocacy, and peer support for mental health, reduce stigma, and promote a campus culture of wellness. In partnership with NAMI Franklin County, our purpose is to:

- 1. Educate** the Ohio State community about mental health conditions and promote understanding through workshops, programs, and campus outreach.
- 2. Advocate** for policies and practices that improve mental health awareness and accessibility to services for students.
- 3. Support** students through peer-to-peer programs, stigma-free spaces, and connection to local and national NAMI resources.
- 4. Engage** in service and outreach to bridge OSU students with the wider Columbus community through NAMI Franklin County initiatives.

This purpose aligns with Ohio State University's commitment to student well-being, diversity, equity, and inclusion by fostering a supportive and stigma-free environment for all.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

NAMI Franklin County Students agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with these guidelines.

Section B. Hazing

NAMI Franklin County Students agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

Section C. Bylaws

NAMI Franklin County Students retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in these constitutional articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities Department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

1. Membership is open to all currently enrolled Ohio State University students regardless of background, major, or identity.
2. Members must support the mission of NAMI Franklin County Students and agree to abide by this constitution and OSU policies.
3. *Membership is free of charge unless otherwise determined by bylaws.*

Section B. Member Selection

1. Students may join by signing up through the organization roster and attending at least one general body meeting or event per semester.
2. Active members are those who attend at least two meetings/events per semester.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership is ongoing throughout the academic year and may begin at any time.

Section D. Member Removal

1. Grounds for removal include:
 - Violation of OSU's Code of Student Conduct
 - Disruptive or harmful behavior contrary to NAMI's mission
 - Harassment, discrimination, or hazing
2. Process:
 - A written notice will be issued by the Executive Board.

- The member will have the opportunity to meet with the Executive Board.
- A two-thirds vote of the Executive Board is required for removal.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor will:

- Serve as a mentor and resource to officers and members.
- Ensure organizational compliance with OSU policies and CSA requirements.
- Support connections with NAMI Franklin County and the Columbus community. •

Review the constitution, budget, and programming as needed.

Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor will serve a renewable one-year term beginning in the autumn semester.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The advisor will be chosen by the Executive Board in consultation with NAMI Franklin County and must be a full-time Ohio State faculty or staff member. In the event of replacement, the new advisor shall be selected and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

If an advisor resigns or is unable to serve, an interim advisor will be appointed by the Executive Board until a new advisor is confirmed.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

- 1. Co-Presidents** – Provides overall leadership, presides over meetings, liaises with NAMI Franklin County, and ensures alignment with OSU policies.
- 2. Secretary** – Maintains records, correspondence, minutes, and member rosters.
- 3. Treasurer** – Manages finances, budgets, and fundraising in compliance with OSU guidelines.
- 4. Programming Chair** – Plans educational events, workshops, and campus outreach activities.
- 5. Advocacy Chair** – Leads advocacy initiatives, awareness campaigns, and engagement with student government and policy issues.

6. Outreach Chair – Manages partnerships, social media, and promotion of events.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

- Officers must be currently enrolled OSU students in good academic standing.
- Officers must be active members for at least one semester before holding office.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

- Elections will be held during spring semester.
- Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by members.
- Officers will be elected by a simple majority of active members present.

Section D. Officer Removal

- Officers may be removed for neglect of duties, misconduct, or violations of OSU/NAMI policies.
- Removal requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The organization may dissolve if:

- Membership falls below five students, or
- A two-thirds vote of active members supports dissolution.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures

- All debts must be resolved.
- Remaining funds or assets will be transferred to NAMI Franklin County or another mental health nonprofit selected by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

- Any member may propose an amendment in writing.
- Amendments must be reviewed at a general body meeting.

- Approval requires a two-thirds vote of active members present.