

Cross-Cultural Innovation and Engagement (CCIE)



Sharing Hope Series is a suite of initiatives grounded in sacred storytelling and guided dialogue on mental wellness and support to Black and Brown communities. The initiatives, consisting of three community conversations, were created for the following communities:

Black/African Ancestry – Sharing Hope

Hispanic/Latin American – Compartiendo Esperanza

Filipino/Filipinx/Philippine – Maniwala

South Asian – Chai & Chat

BIPOC Male Mental Health (BMMH) reaches BIPOC men who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Color, affected by stigma, racism and inequities. This initiative addresses physical and mental health to increase awareness so men can live healthier lives.

Historically Black College and University (HBCU)/College Engagement initiatives engage Black/African Ancestry college students by initiating discussions about mental health, wellness and care navigation on campus. College engagement takes place in partnership with the school's counseling center to bring healing circles, community conversations and panel discussions to Black/African Ancestry students.

The Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (JEDI-CLAS) is a long-term NAMI commitment to obtain organizational cultural competence and mastery through governance, leadership, engagement, accountability and training.

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and Sharing Hope Series for the Workplace leads conversations focused on creating a culture that addresses mental health, diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility for staff at multiple levels including leadership, employees, administrators, affinity groups and human resource teams. These conversations are designed to create inclusive spaces, incorporate NAMI's Sharing Hope initiative and help create a mental health friendly, stigma-free, trauma-informed workplace.

To learn more about CCIE's initiatives email us at ccie@nami.org.

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FaithNet engages NAMI affiliates, faith communities, mental health providers, families, individuals and community organizations in building sustainable partnerships to support people living with mental health conditions and improve care navigation. FaithNet provides education to pastors/faith leaders and clinicians on the importance of faith and spirituality in the treatment and recovery process.

The Pathways to Hope Conference is a national two-day conference designed to build a local grassroots movement that expands FaithNet, engages faith communities, mental health providers and community partners to address mental health equity and care navigation. The conference features nationally-recognized faith and mental health leaders and locally developed workshops.

Community Health Equity Alliance (CHEA) is a mental health equity initiative that joins community-based organizations and thought leaders to improve serious mental illness (SMI) care for Black/African Ancestry adults. Established in 2021 by 19 collaborating organizations, four coalitions and Janssen Neuroscience to provide tailored programs and resources to improve access to equitable and culturally-responsive mental health care for Black/African Ancestry adults living with SMI.

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