

COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE (CHEA): ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH EQUITY

What is CHEA?

NAMI is leading an initiative to improve access to care for Black/African Ancestry adults with serious mental illness through the **Community Health Equity Alliance (CHEA)**.

Janssen Neuroscience and state-level and community partners launched CHEA in 2021 in North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, and California with 19 partner organizations.



CHEA focuses on community-informed solutions to improve the delivery and pursuit of equitable mental health care for Black/African Ancestry adults with serious mental illness in the United States. This initiative brings together strategic organizations and thought leaders in mental health advocacy, faith, social change, and healthcare

Coming Together to Tackle Mental Health Disparities

CHEA works with coalition partners providing tailored programs and resources to improve access, navigation, and advocacy for equitable and culturally-responsive mental health care.

NAMI, in collaboration with the CHEA partners, is expanding to new states and communities and engaging strategic partners to address critical areas, including:



**Improving Care
Navigation**



**Elevating Crisis
Mitigation**



**Expanding
988 Utilization**



**Increasing
Education**

This work will focus on implementing effective strategies to support and build mental health and healthcare workforce capacity to offer culturally-appropriate solutions to the care paradigm.

Together, we are working to eliminate health inequities, ensuring that Black/African Ancestry adults can access timely and effective mental health treatment and services when and where needed.



¹ <https://www.psychiatry.org/File%20Library/Psychiatrists/Cultural-Competency/Mental-Health-Disparities/Mental-Health-Facts-for-African-Americans.pdf>
² <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/report/2020-nsduh-detailed-tables>