



# Idaho—State Resource Guide

## State Behavioral Health Agency

For more information about admission, care, treatment, release, and patient follow-up in public or private mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities, contact your State agency:

Division of Behavioral Health  
Department of Health and Welfare  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0036  
Idaho Care Line 2-1-1 (Mental Health)  
Referral Information: 800-922-3406 (Substance Abuse)  
Internet: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>

## State Protection and Advocacy Agency

Each State has a protection and advocacy agency that receives funding from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Agencies are mandated to protect and advocate for the rights of people with mental illnesses and to investigate reports of abuse and neglect in facilities that care for or treat individuals with mental illnesses. These facilities, which may be public or private, include hospitals, nursing homes, community facilities, board and care homes, homeless shelters, jails, and prisons. Agencies provide advocacy services or conduct investigations to address issues that arise during transportation or admission to such facilities, during residency in them, or within 90 days after discharge from them. Contact:

Disability Rights Idaho  
4477 Emerald Street, Suite B-100  
Boise, ID 83706  
Phone: 208-336-5353 (TDD)  
Toll-free: 866-232-3462  
Fax: 208-336-5396  
E-mail: [info@disabilityrightsidaho.org](mailto:info@disabilityrightsidaho.org)  
Internet: <http://www.disabilityrightsidaho.org>

## Family Support

The Center for Mental Health Services awards grants to statewide, family-run networks to provide support and information to families of children and adolescents with serious emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders. For more information, contact:

Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
704 North 7<sup>th</sup>  
Boise, ID 83702  
Phone: 208-433-8845  
Toll-free: 800-905-3436  
Fax: 208-433-8337  
E-mail: [info@idahofederation.org](mailto:info@idahofederation.org)  
Internet: <http://www.idahofederation.org>

## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which are part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, investigate some complaints about treatment facilities that receive Medicare and Medicaid funding. For further information at the national level, contact:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850  
Phone: 410-786-3000  
Toll-free: 866-262-3462  
TDD: 866-226-1819  
E-mail: [question@CMS.gov](mailto:question@CMS.gov)  
Internet: <http://www.CMS.gov>

You may also share your concerns with staff at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services office in your area, which is Region 10. The regional office address and telephone numbers are:

Seattle Regional Office  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
2201 Sixth Avenue, Suite 801  
Seattle, WA 98121  
Phone: 206-615-2306  
Fax: 206-615-2363  
Internet:  
<http://www.cms.gov/RegionalOffices/Downloads/SeattleRegionalOffice.pdf>

#### **Advocacy Organizations**

Mental Health America (formerly the National Mental Health Association) maintains a referral and information center and can help you locate local chapters. These local groups have information about community services and engage in national and State level advocacy. For more information about the association, write or call:

MHA of Boise Region  
353 West Iowa  
Nampa, ID 83683  
Phone: 208-498-1760  
E-mail: [deopepp@gmail.com](mailto:deopepp@gmail.com)

The National Alliance on Mental Illness maintains a helpline for information on mental illnesses and referrals to local groups. The local self-help groups have support and advocacy components and offer education and information about community services for families and individuals. For information about the Alliance's affiliates and activities in your State, contact:

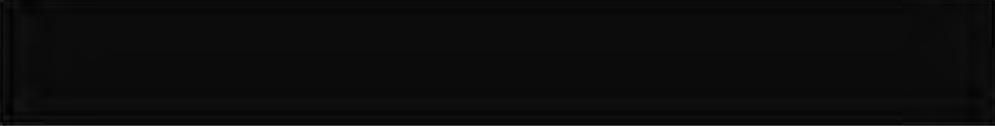
NAMI Idaho  
4097 Bottle Bay Road  
Sagle, ID 83860  
Phone: 208-242-7430  
E-mail: [namiidaho@yahoo.com](mailto:namiidaho@yahoo.com)  
Internet: <http://www.nami.org/sites/namiidaho>

The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse, funded partly by SAMHSA, promotes and helps to develop consumer-run self-help groups across the country. Technical assistance and materials are available on such topics as organizing groups, fundraising, leadership development, incorporating, public relations, advocacy, and networking. For more information, contact:

The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse  
1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 1207  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: 215-751-1810  
Toll-free: 800-553-4KEY (539)  
Fax: 215-636-6312  
E-mail: [info@mhsselfhelp.org](mailto:info@mhsselfhelp.org)  
Internet: <http://www.mhsselfhelp.org>

The National Empowerment Center is a Technical Assistance Center run by mental health consumers/survivors. The Center's mission is to carry a message of recovery, empowerment, hope and healing to people who have been diagnosed with mental illness. The Center provides information and referrals to consumer/survivor resources nationwide and offers technical assistance to individuals and groups involved in consumer empowerment activities. The Center distributes recovery-related publications and sponsors education and training activities. For information on consumer/survivor activities in your area, contact:

The National Empowerment Center  
599 Canal Street  
Lawrence, MA 01840  
Phone: 978-685-1494  
Toll-free: 800-769-3728  
Fax: 978-681-6426  
Internet: <http://www.power2u.org>



### **Other Sources of Information**

There are many sources of information that you can tap. Your area mental health authority, which is generally a part of the local government, may be useful. Other branches of your city or county government also may be able to help. For example, the education office might have information about help for children, and the agency for the aging might know about services for senior citizens. In addition, your family physician or area hospital may be able to make referrals. For legal advice, contact your local bar association or go to <http://www.findlegalhelp.org>. Also, your local library and telephone yellow pages may have resource lists for sources of help in your community.

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