

NAMI Delaware is pleased to introduce...



Annie Slease, M.Ed.

Director of Advocacy and Education

Annie Slease joins the NAMI Delaware staff after a 25-year career as an educator. In addition to teaching, she has passionately served our local, national and international communities as an author, blogger, advocate and public speaker.

During her years in education, Annie has been recognized with awards, special appointments, and various leadership responsibilities within her school and throughout the state. Annie was selected by the Delaware Department of Education as a Delaware Dream Team Teacher during the 2014-2015 school year. She has an extensive background in musical theater production and was founder and chair of the musical theater department at her school.

As a NAMI Delaware volunteer, program facilitator, speaker and trainer, Annie has supported and helped advance our mission for several years. She is the author of a novel based on real events affecting a family mental health crisis. She was featured in an international documentary film about five people across the globe who live with or care for someone living with mental illness. Annie has raised awareness for mental health-related issues as a blogger since 2012. For the last two years, she also has been a National Youth Presenter for a violence prevention organization committed to empowering young people to identify and assist peers in crisis.

Annie is married and has two adult sons. Delaware has been her home for many years.

Annie will be leading our team focused on advocacy, outreach, and education, working in partnership with long-time staff members Patricia McDowell and Chuck Tarver, on these critical parts of our mission. Dr. Josh Thomas, Executive Director of NAMI Delaware expressed the Board and team's enthusiasm, "We are excited to have Annie join our team in this new capacity. She brings a wealth of experience in education and advocacy and a tremendous passion for our mission."

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