

### **State Criteria for the Qualities of a Good Support Group Facilitator:**

1. NAMI Member
2. Able to listen well.
3. Able to empathize with others situations.
4. Dependable and timely.
5. Able to take charge.
6. Able to redirect or interrupt group discussions effectively.
7. Understands and takes confidentiality seriously.

### **Training Application Procedure – Facilitators**

Potential candidates for facilitator training should be identified as follows:

- A. Affiliates without Facilitated Support Groups
  1. Affiliate Leadership to identify and recommend candidates based on State Criteria. Candidate to submit **Application with Recommendation Letter -OR-**
  2. Individual to apply, submitting using State Guidelines.
- B. Affiliates with existing Facilitated Support Groups.
  1. Facilitators to recommend to Affiliate Leadership appropriate candidates based on State Criteria.
  2. Upon recommendation of Affiliate Leadership, Candidate to submit **Application with Recommendation Letter**
- C. State or Local Affiliate to work with local area Mental Health Care Service Providers to identify potential candidates.
  1. Providers to recommend to NAMI Georgia or Affiliate Leadership appropriate candidates based on State Criteria.
  2. Upon recommendation of Provider, Candidate to submit **Application with Recommendation Letter**

**NOTE: Space will not be reserved for a candidate unless an application has been received by the NAMI Georgia Office**

### **Once an Application has been submitted:**

1. Candidates will be screened using the screening tool provided by NAMI National.
2. Typically, there are 20 slots available for trainees.
3. Preference will be given to candidates from communities identified as “Most Need” areas, such as an area without facilitators.
4. Typically, the minimum number of candidates should apply as follows:
  - a. Minimum of 4 candidates should attend from an area without facilitators
  - b. Minimum of 2 candidates should attend from an area with less than 4 facilitators
  - c. No minimum for groups with 4 or more facilitators
5. Exceptions can be made on a case by case basis.
6. If there are more candidates than slots available, a waiting list will be created. Candidates placed on the waiting list will be notified of their status. They should keep the training dates open, as there are always cancellations.