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Since Alexa James took on the leadership role at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Chicago in 2014, she has significantly advanced the organization's impact on mental wellness and education both locally and beyond. With a strong background in working with individuals affected by mental health issues, poverty, and trauma, Alexa brings a wealth of experience to her role. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work from Loyola University, along with a master's degree in child development from Erickson Institute. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Illinois, her expertise has been pivotal in shaping NAMI Chicago's approach to mental health.