

The Prevention of Disability in Mental Disorders—Mental Health Monograph I

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This first of a new mental health monograph series is published at an opportune time, since interest in community mental health programs has been heightened by the president's message on mental health. The National Institute of Mental Health and its Publications and Reports Section is to be applauded for this new venture. The new mental health monograph series should become a valuable means for bringing research findings and other information to the mental health practitioner. Perhaps the Publications and Reports Section can solicit material from those mental health practitioners who have had particularly interesting experiences with local program development.

The monograph is a statement by the Subcommittee on Tertiary Prevention of the Program Area Committee on Mental Health of the American Public Health Association. Parts of this material have been incorporated in the Subcommittee's *Guide to Control Methods in Mental Disorders*, published in 1962 by the American Public Health Association.

The monograph goes into some detail regarding the move from the large custodial mental hospital serving a region to a variety of special treatment programs in the community (day hospitals, after-care services, rehabilitation services, sheltered workshops, family care, others). It also discusses the development of therapeutic milieu programs in mental hospitals.

It is written in nontechnical language and can be used to inform interested lay persons as well as professionals regarding current trends in psychiatry.

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