



The Octagon. New York City Lunatic Asylum. Blackwell's Island (now Roosevelt Island) 1839.

SUITCASE EXHIBIT

December 3, 2007 through January 31, 2008

Introduction

The "Suitcase" exhibit illustrates the deinstitutionalization movement which swept through the psychiatric profession post World War II. Deinstitutionalization closed mental health hospitals and spawned patient-focused groups such as the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**. Government bodies at the federal, state and local level moved to create services directed to the individual client.

The following is a sampling of resources related to deinstitutionalization found at The New York Public Library or more widely via the Internet.

DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION: Books and Reports

- **Bedlam on the Streets** – Knowles - 362. 2042 K
- **Community Integration Policy and Practice Abstracts** – Searl – READEX Microfiche ED 1.310/2: 413723
- **Deinstitutionalization of Persons with Developmental Disabilities: A Technical Assistance Report for Legislators** – Davis, Fox-Grage, and Gehshan - <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/Forum/pub6683.htm>
- **Deinstitutionalising Women: An Ethnographic Study Of Institutional Closure** – Johnson - 362.2200 J
- **The Disability Rights Movement: From Deinstitutionalization to Self – Determination** – Stroman - 323.3 S
- **Falling Through The Safety Net: "Community Living" in Adult Homes for Patients Discharged from Psychiatric Hospitals** - State Commission on Quality Care for the Mentally Disabled - JFF 94 – 802
- **Olmstead, Reclaiming Institutionalized Lives** – <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS43230>
- **Protection and Advocacy Agencies: Involvement in Deinstitutionalization Lawsuits on Behalf of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities** - <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS43230>
- **Psychiatric Hospital Closures: Myths and Realities** - JFE 93 – 1543
- **The Rights of People with Mental Disabilities: The Authoritative ACLU Guide to the Rights of People with Mental Illness and Mental Retardation** – Levy - *R-SIBL KF480.L48
- **Worlds Of The Mentally III: How Deinstitutionalization Works in the City** - JBE 91–1047

DATABASES:

Available in the Rohatyn Electronic Information Center and remotely with a NYPL Borrowers card.

- **Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module** A comprehensive resource for full-text magazines, journals, pamphlets from a wide variety of medical sources as well as "Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine".
- **Health Reference Center Academic** Health related academic journal and newspaper articles for both medical care professionals and consumers about important health information.
- **Health Source: Consumer Edition EBSCO** Over 190 journals including Consumer Reports on Health and Men's Health, as well as abstracts and indexing for nearly 180 general health, nutrition and professional health care publications.
- **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition EBSCO** Provides nearly 540 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- **National Institute of Mental Health.** www.nimh.nih.gov (Use the "for the public" section).
- New York State. **Office of Mental Health.** www.omh.state.ny.us
- New York City. **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.** www.nyc.gov/health

PRIVATE AGENCIES

- **Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law.** www.bazelon.org
- **Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health Agencies.** <http://www.coalitionny.org>
- **National Empowerment Center.** www.power2u.org
- **Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.** www.mhanys.org
- **Mental Health Net.** www.mentalhelp.net
- **NAMI-NYC Metro** (Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness). www.naminycmetro.org
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).** www.nami.org
- **National Mental Health Consumers Self-Help Clearinghouse.** www.mhselfhelp.org
- **New York City Voices.** www.nycvoices.org (An on-line newspaper with a mental health focus).
- **Peer-to-Peer Resource Center.** www.peersupport.org

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- **American Psychiatric Association.** www.psych.org
- **American Psychological Association.** www.apa.org