Deinstitutionalization: Yesterday's News Still Today's Headlines

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Abstract

Originally published in Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books, 2003, Vol 48(5), 583-584. Reviews the book, Deinstitutionalization: Promise and Problems by H. Richard Lamb and Linda E. Weinberger (Eds.) (see record 2001-01558-000). This book is a collection of papers addressing the current implications of deinstitutionalization for patients and service providers in the community. An overarching theme in these papers is that deinstitutionalization was based on a noble, but short-sighted, ideology that did not reflect and understanding of the needs of people living with severe mental illness. This collection is concerned primarily with the plight of these former patients who lack sufficient internal controls to integrate successfully into community settings. The reviewer argues that one cannot ignore that despite the fact these papers have aged, they address problems that are still debated in the headlines of today's newspapers. This collection forces us to ask why we have the evidence but to the will to address the needs of severely mental ill people who cannot function in the fragile network of community supports. Raising such a question in the editors' notes may have been one way for Lamb and Weinberger to explain to readers why this collection of papers has been added to the New Directions for Mental Health Services Series now. Although this book can serve as an introduction to some of the issues surrounding deinstitutionalization, anyone who is familiar with this literature of working in the area will find that it does into address important contemporary issues. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2006 APA, all rights reserved)
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