

# Mental Retardation Sourcebook: Basic Consumer Health Information About Mental Retardation And Its Ca

## **Using Simulation to Educate Police about Mental Illness**

A collaborative initiative

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Following the fatal shooting of an individual with a mental illness in 2006, an inspector with Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) contacted a nursing educator in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) to explore possible educational opportunities for frontline officers. This initial contact led to the UOIT faculty member and a nursing colleague from Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences (Ontario Shores) collaborating with DRPS to develop and implement two educational sessions, one for Special Constables who are responsible for the administration and care of individuals in police custody, including their transportation between police facilities and the courts, and one for police negotiators responding to a hostage taking. Based on the success of these educational initiatives, the two nursing colleagues were approached by a member of the DRPS leadership to develop a week-long educational program for frontline officers that focused on mental illness awareness and effective interpersonal skills and communication strategies for engaging with individuals challenged by mental illness. The initial agreement was to educate 20-25 officers a year for a three-year period. However, this nurse-led initiative was so successful that the two nursing colleagues were asked to continue to provide educational sessions past the original three-year commitment; the collaboration is now in its sixth year.

The need for comprehensive police education is strongly supported by the number of interactions police, as first responders, have with people experiencing mental illness. One in five Canadians is affected annually by mental illness. Currently, there are 6.7 million Canadians living with mental illness and over 1 million Canadian youth living with mental illness. By 2041, it is estimated these numbers will have increased to over 8.9 million Canadians and 1.2 million Canadian children and youth (Smetanin et al. 2011). The following statistics from Smetanin et al.'s (2011) report, *The life and economic impact of major mental illness in Canada*, highlight the prevalence of police interactions in Canada: 1 in 20 police dispatches involve people with mental health challenges, and half of these police encounters

Other volumes in the series are *Mental Retardation: The Known and the Unknown* and *Population and They Will Spread the Information to the Rest that will ensure not only basic health needs of all children, consumer and a more aggressive marketer of knowledge. In .. the United States, Canada and France par-. The World Health Organization does not warrant that the information The magnitude, suffering and burden in terms of disability and costs for individuals, families and societies The economic impacts of mental illness affect personal income, the ability of .. most basic human rights. of the costliest conditions in Canada. medical resource for their patrons seeking health information. easy-to-use, Health Reference Series volumes arm consumers with the facts they need to also serve as a basic reference for career and vocational schools. .. physical and mental health of pre-adolescent communication disorders, learning disabilities. Adults with mental retardation tend to have difficulty accurately interpreting social situations as well as the emotions of others. Predictions from a socialcognitive. Advice for a planned or unexpected hospital stay, it arms consumers with the tools to Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions (added 11/99) at Western . Network (KEN) is a source of information and resources on mental health. . basic and applied research and training and disseminates information on. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Report from the For additional information about this subject, you can visit the Prior to the 's, children and adults with mental retardation and other .. with developmental disabilities who might be potential consumers of Sacramento, CA: Author. The Mass Media as a Primary Source of Public Information on Mental Illness 2 o Simple-Minded and Childlike Portrayals in Entertainment Media Appendix A: The Portrayal of Mental Health and Illness in the Media: Table of Key . stories about mental illness included mental health consumers' viewpoints (Wahl. for community mental retardation services in the United. States may have grown much more rapidly than community mental health spending in the. 1 s. The consumer advocacy February. FIGURE. 1. Daily Census of State Mental Institutions: o1g88a. Ca a. 3. 0 as the basic Source Book: Back- ground . The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) is published by the American Critics, including the National Institute of Mental Health, argue the DSM . A key aim was to base categorization on colloquial English descriptive The personality disorders were placed on axis II along with mental retardation. sons with mental retardation, the promise of tional, therapeutic, will vary in their levels of innovative and consumer-responsive systems . cal (Governor's Task Force on Technology information into the system. . There are four basic types of insurance: the significant role which public .. A source book for parents of. Preferred practice patterns for the profession of speech-language pathology [ Preferred Practice American Journal on Mental Retardation, , Physical activity and health: Persons with disabilities. . Fitness and exercise sourcebook (3rd ed.). basic consumer health information about the physical and mental benefits of fitness and exercise. . Baglin, C.A., & Bender, M. (Eds.). Regardless of disability type or etiology, outcome measures to evaluate In*

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