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# REPRESENTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



### Deinstutitionalization



Community mental health centers would end the "shabby treatment of the many millions of the mentally disabled in custodial institutions"

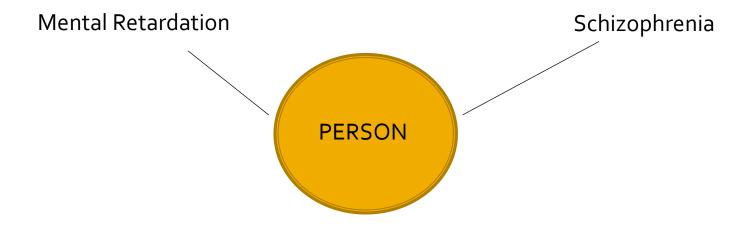
-October 1963

### Transinstitutionalization





### People-Centered Language



### **Important Statistics**

- Half of all men and women in prison have a mental health issue
- One in four adults has a diagnosable mental illness
- People with mental illness or an intellectual disability are more likely to be the victim of a crime rather than a perpetrator of a crime

### Meds

- No meds
- Wrong meds
- Forced meds

### No Meds

Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 105 (1976)

### Wrong Meds

ABC DEF

### **Forced Meds**

- Washington v. Harper, 494 U.S. 210 (1990)
- Riggins v. Nevada, 504 U.S. 127 (1992)
- Sell v. U.S., 539 U.S. 166 (2003)

## Psychologists and Psychiatrists

PhD v. MD

Does it matter?

### Competency

- Dusky v. U.S., 362 U.S. 402 (1970)
- Drope v. Missouri, 420 U.S. 162 (1975)

## Sanity

#### Irresistible Impulse

#### McNaughten

As a result of a mental illness or intellectual disability, the accused

- 1) did not know the wrongfulness of his or her act OR
- 2) did not appreciate the nature and quality of his or her actions

#### Durham

Product test

#### Model Penal Code

If at the time of conduct as a result of a mental illness or intellectual disability, the accused lacks substantial capacity to appreciate the criminality of his or her conduct or conform his other conduct to the requirements of the law

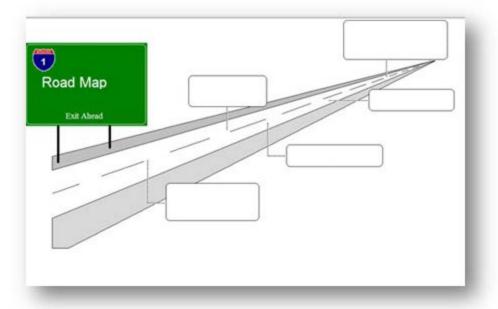
#### Federal Insanity

18 U.S.C. 17

- (a) The defendant, as a result of a severe mental disease or defect, was unable to appreciate the nature and quality or the wrongfulness of his or her acts.
- (b) Burden is on the accused to prove by clear and convincing evidence.

## Mitigation

 If requesting an intermediate sanction, have a plan



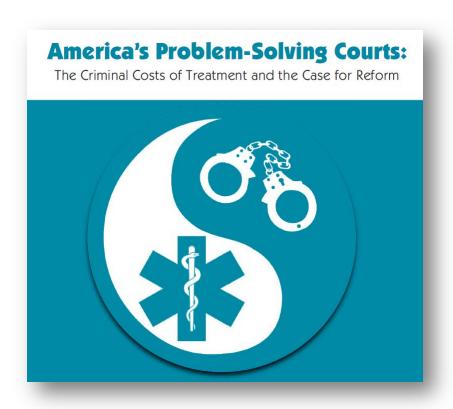
## Malingering

- History of treatment
- School, employment records
- Interviews with family, friends, teachers, coworkers

## Masking



### **Mental Health Courts**



### PTSD, TBI and Veterans Courts



## The Family

