



**EPID-600 Introduction to Public Health  
MH, MR, SA Programs  
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Objectives**

On completion of this seminar the students should be able to describe the evolution of community mental health programs and deinstitutionalization, as well as its strengths and weaknesses. They should be able to describe the community problems which mental health programs attempt to prevent or reduce by early intervention. They should be able to discuss the role of program assessment and its relation to funding.

**Key Words:**

Disability, mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse, community services board mental hospitals, community services, homeless, confinement by court order, prevention services, human services integration, institutional services, day services.

**Concept**

Poor health status is as much due to mental ill health as to medical problems. Many can be prevented through carefully targeted programs based on epidemiologic investigations.

**References**

Instructor handouts: Maxcy Rosenau 13th Edn. scan chapters 44, 45, 58;  
14th Edn. scan chaps. 60 & 61

Schneider, Introduction to PH. 2nd Edn: Chapter 13

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