



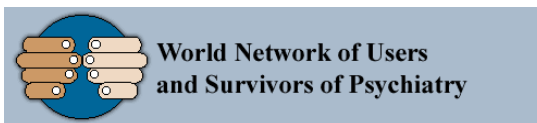
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Repeal Mental Health Laws

Documenting and challenging forced psychiatric treatment



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Suggested questions for the United States under the ICCPR:

1. On the human rights of people labeled with psychiatric disabilities (Articles 2, 7, 9, 10, 16, 26):
 - a. What actions are being taken by federal and state governments to repeal mental health laws that permit forced psychiatric interventions and civil commitment, and to ensure that all mental health services are based on free and informed consent of the person concerned?
 - b. What is being done to shift mental health services away from harmful medical model diagnosis and treatment, and towards alternatives offering human connection and sanctuary, such as peer support and trauma-informed practices?
 - c. What actions are being taken to address double discrimination against people labeled with psychiatric disabilities in prisons, jails, immigration detention and juvenile detention, and to ensure that mental health services in those settings are based on free and informed consent by the person concerned and that alternatives to the medical model of mental health are made available?
 - d. Please provide information about policies adopted by federal and state governments in the context of addressing gun violence that discriminate based on disability, in particular:
 - i. the inclusion of mental health records in federal and state criminal databases;
 - ii. expansion of forced treatment in institutions and in the community;
 - iii. targeting school children and university students for mental health screening and involuntary referrals and treatment.
 - e. What actions are being taken to ratify and fully implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities without any reservations, understandings or declarations?