

Every Homeless Person Has a Mother

Families' Requests of the Mental Health System

1. **We want mental health illnesses to receive the same respect**, attention, parity, and solutions as cancer, heart disease and other diseases.
2. We want the **development and use of effective psychiatric and treatment remedies and solutions for mental illness, on par with other diseases.**
3. We want the **system to respect families, mothers**, and other primary care givers.
4. We want the misogyny of mental health to be examined, addressed, acknowledged and removed from the system.
5. We want **providers to know HIPAA Privacy Rule 164.510(b)(3)**: Providers have the authority to talk with someone who can prevent harm without a release of information.
6. We want to be involved in our adult kids' medical treatment when they are incapable of making health care decisions for themselves.
7. Per *HR 2646, The Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act*, **we want providers to accept health and trauma history**, and if we request, keep it confidential.
8. We want **agreement on Imminent Danger (Harm)**: Incapable of making health care decisions, psychotic, incompetent to stand trial, or diagnosed with anosognosia.
9. We want our loved ones to have the time in mental health facilities they need to heal, as with other diseases.
10. We want a **solution to anosognosia**, a neurological condition, "without knowledge of disease," and death by self-neglect called anosognosia not recalcitrant homelessness.
11. We want **mental health care and facilities instead** of having to go through the **criminal justice system** to get treatment, and **jails used as hospitals.**
12. When **interventions** are needed for people with mental illness we want them administered by people trained in mental health, without lethal weapons.
13. When we **report our kids are threatening suicide** we **want to be believed, and effective action used.**
14. We want all **mental health care providers trained and certified in the value of families and using family-centered care**, evidenced to produce results in recovery.
15. We want **mental health providers allocated the time** to treat our loved ones as part of a family.
16. We want **training and positions for peers** in the care of others living with mental illness in all areas of treatment.
17. We want **Emergency Departments staffed with mental health providers and peers.**
18. We want hospitals to **notify family** as with other illness, **and obey laws prohibiting releasing people** without food, shelter, medical treatment and a discharge plan.
19. We want a **National database of mental health care solutions and facilities.**