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- The soul-destroying search for adequate housing for family members who are mental health survivors
- The impact of de-institutionalization in and the gaps left in services for mental health survivors
- Myths of mental illness and how they affect the popular stigma attached to survivors

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