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In 1990, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) launched an initiative designed to restructure psychiatric care throughout the Americas. At the heart of the initiative was the promotion and protection of the human rights of persons with mental disability. Soon after, PAHO gathered legislators, mental health professionals, human rights leaders, and organizations of persons with disability to advance mental health care reforms throughout the Region. Participants issued the Declaration of Caracas.

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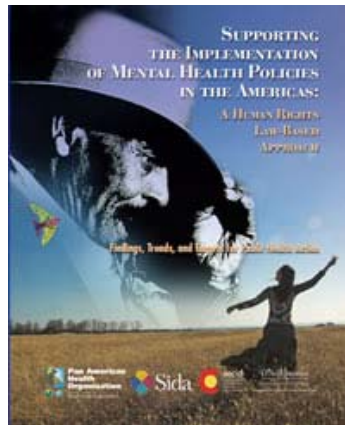
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The Links between Health and Human Rights



The first relationship involves the positive and negative impacts of health policies, laws, programs, and practices on human rights. The challenge is to negotiate the optimal balance between promoting and protecting public health and promoting and protecting human rights. In order to accomplish this aim, it would be necessary that Governments adequate their national health policies, laws, programs and practices to national and international human rights instruments.

The second relationship expresses that violations or lack of fulfillment of any and all human rights have negative effects on physical, mental, and social well-being. This is true in peacetime and in times of conflict and extreme political repression

The third relationship, is the unavoidable connection between health and human rights. The central idea of the health and human rights approach is that health and human rights act in synergy. Promoting and protecting health requires explicit and concrete efforts to promote and protect human rights and dignity. In addition, greater fulfillment of human rights requires sound attention to health and to its societal determinants. In other words, the enjoyment of health is necessary for exercising human rights; and at the same time, exercising human rights positively contributes to the enjoyment of health. For example, the enjoyment of physical and mental health is essential for exercising the right to work; and at the same time, exercising the right to work contributes positively to the enjoyment of physical and mental health.

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