

Mental Health, Criminal Justice, & Trauma: The Need for New Approaches Consistent with the CRPD

A Two Part Series

The mental health and criminal justice systems are both traumatizing and repressive.

Yet the overwhelming majority of people in both these systems are already trauma survivors seeking to heal. The CRPD says that people with psychosocial disabilities have the right to decide about their own lives and whether to use services, and if arrested must have the same rights as others as well as reasonable accommodation.

What are the implications of the CRPD for policy and practices in the mental health and criminal justice systems?

Hear from policy experts who are also experts by lived experience.

This pair of side events presents new approaches to mental health and criminal justice issues consistent with the CRPD, in particular, the need for trauma-informed support, and the importance of first-person experience as a source of knowledge and development of appropriate policy choices.

Part Two: September 2, 2010

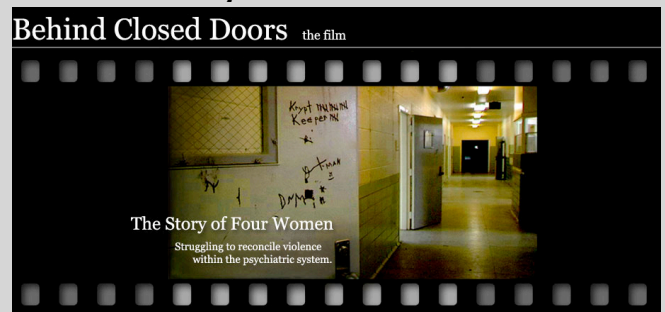
Film Presentation: "Behind Closed Doors" (20 minutes)

Panelists: Laura Prescott, Celia Brown, & Daniel Hazen

Where: Church Center,
777 UN Plaza, 10th floor
across from the UN @ 44 St. & 1st Ave, NYC

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Refreshments served



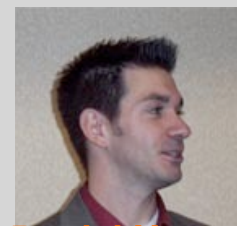
Laura Prescott

President and Founder of Sister Witness International, works in the U.S. and internationally with girls and women in institutions. She is a researcher and an advocate who has done pioneering work for trauma-informed approaches and avoiding retraumatization.



Celia Brown

President of Mind Freedom International, developed the first Peer Specialist program in a public mental health system in the U.S. and continues to work as a Peer Specialist leader and trainer. She participated in the CRPD negotiations and has recently traveled to Ghana in solidarity with the user/survivor movement there.



Daniel Hazen

Executive Director of Voices of Heart and a board member of CHRUSP, brings together advocacy from the psychiatric survivor movement and the prison reform and abolition movements. He is currently working on establishing a peer respite based on Intentional Peer Support.

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