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Free Online Resources:

The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

<http://www.bazelon.org>

A nonprofit organization devoted to improving the lives of people with mental illnesses through changes in policy and law.

Arrested? What Happens to Your Benefits if You Go to Jail or Prison? A Guide to Federal Rules on SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Medicare and Veterans Benefits for People with Disabilities

Discharge planning, properly accomplished, can assist inmates with mental illnesses in qualifying for disability benefits and Medicaid immediately upon their release so that they can access housing and mental health and rehabilitation services. The booklet is designed to help inmates, their families and advocates, and corrections staff understand the procedures for reinstating (or applying for) these benefits.

<http://www.bazelon.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=u-NP2VU8WzQ%3d&tabid=104>

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

<http://www.nami.org>

The nation's largest grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

A Guide to Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System

Information for consumers, family members and advocates to assist in developing a basic understanding of criminal procedures and terminology, and helpful hints to enable families and others to impact at the various stages of criminal processes.

<http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/NAMILand/CJguidetomentalillnessandcjsystem.pdf>

The Sentencing Project

<http://www.sentencingproject.org>

A national organization working for a fair and effective criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing law and practice, and alternatives to incarceration.

Mentally Ill Offenders in the Criminal Justice System

An analysis of the "criminalization" of people with mental illness and its impact on the criminal justice system.

http://www.sentencingproject.org/doc/publications/sl_mentallyilloffenders.pdf

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

User-friendly website:

<http://www.parecovery.org>

Forensic Workgroup Recommendations: Recommendations to Advance Pennsylvania Responses to People with Mental Illness and/or Substance Use Disorders Involved in the Criminal Justice System, September 2006.

http://www.parecovery.org/documents/Forensic_Workgroup_Final_Report_111406.pdf

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Munetz, M. R. & Griffin, P. A. Use of the Sequential Intercept Model as an Approach to Decriminalization of People with Serious Mental Illness. Psychiatric Services

<http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/reprint/57/4/544>

Mental Health & Justice Center of Excellence

www.pacenterofexcellence.pitt.edu

Center for Mental Health Services & Criminal Justice Research, Rutgers University

<http://cbhs.rutgers.edu>

A research organization that seeks to improve the welfare of people with mental illness in ways that minimize the disruption of treatment and maximize their potential to lead productive and rewarding lives.

Reentry Survival Manual

A manual for people leaving prison based on the experiences of those who left or were leaving prison

http://www.cbhs-cjr.rutgers.edu/pdfs/Reentry+Survival+Manual_3_8_final_nlw.pdf