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Deinstitutionalization Panel

Saturday, March 23, 2013, 4:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.

Moderator:

- [Michael Stortz \(Disability Rights California\)](#)

The Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead attempted to address the issue of institutionalization for persons with disabilities; however, many individuals with mental illness continue to be warehoused, albeit temporarily, in our nation's nursing homes, a stop-gap measure as yet untouched by the Olmstead decision. McNally will identify the legal framework that created this stop-gap, as well as provide a framework for understanding why nursing homes are inappropriate and ill-prepared to address the medical and non-medical needs of individuals with mental illness. Gantsweg will discuss the Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Project, which educates California's diverse communities about laws and policies designed to reduce and eliminate discrimination against people with disabilities.

Closed Doors and Locked Wards: Why it is Unacceptable to Use Nursing Homes as DeFacto Institutions for Individuals With Mental Illness

Panelists:

- [Laura McNally \(Case Western\)](#)

Inside View of Stigma and Discrimination in Locked Psychiatric Institutions

Panelists:

- [Robyn Gantsweg \(Senior Peer Self Advocacy Coordinator, Disability Rights California\)](#)

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