

Week 4 Assignment:

**The Mentally Ill Homeless and Psychiatric Intervention in America**

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**Tentative Research Topic:** Providing psychiatric care to the mentally ill homeless has challenges due to limited resources and access to healthcare. However, there have been approaches used that involve housing programs, community outreach, and community organization collaboration, all working with and through mental health and primary care providers to help the homeless that suffer from mental illness.

**Tentative Research Question:** Can it be proven that psychiatric intervention services improve mental stability of the homeless who are mentally ill and lead to their ability to maintain housing independently?

**Describe special populations that you are interested in:**

- Population of homeless people who are mentally ill
- Homeless people who have become mentally ill as a product of homelessness vs. People who are homeless as a product of being mentally ill.
- Homeless in housing programs with mental health intervention vs. without intervention.

**Describe social problems that the special populations experience and/or cause:**

- Limited access to health care and mental health services
- Lack of stable housing
- Stigmatized and discriminated against

- Exposure to violence and trauma
- No access to basic human necessities
- Not enough support from social welfare programs

**Identify the target client group. This can be the same as the special populations:**

- Population of homeless people who are mentally ill

**Discuss services that promote changes in clients:**

- Housing services
- Mental health clinics

**Address why your research topic is important:**

- Improve mental health in hopes to secure stable housing and improved quality of life and community involvement.
- Reduce homelessness.

**Discuss the gaps in understanding existing research and knowledge about your research topic:**

- Lack of sufficient data and limited research on topic to know for sure what is the best course of action to improve mental illness and homelessness among the homeless.

## Possible Articles and Resources

Mental Health Services for Homeless Mentally Ill Persons

[https://psycnet.apa.org/fulltext/1990-31769-001.pdf?](https://psycnet.apa.org/fulltext/1990-31769-001.pdf?auth_token=2718329ed523cd5a65606c7784ad904a4cd3c4ca)

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Housing Programs for Homeless Individuals With Mental Illness: Effects on Housing and Mental Health Outcomes

<https://ps.psychiatryonline.org/doi/epdf/10.1176/appi.ps.201400294>

Health Interventions for People Who are Homeless

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0140673614611338>

Professor's Documents-

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s1hgzgfI5MNFHbG7beoTr2ffmU\\_CVtGA/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s1hgzgfI5MNFHbG7beoTr2ffmU_CVtGA/edit)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18fT9QbUwWMBLxi5pxd1ovI3f4YH4yQGR/edit>

Potential articles regarding psychiatric services for the homeless-

<https://ps.psychiatryonline.org/doi/abs/10.1176/ps.35.9.922>

<https://psycnet.apa.org/record/1996-03244-006>