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## Abstract

Mental illness affects all major aspects of an individual's life. From shelter and employment, to interactions with family, partners, and society, mental illness represents likely difficulties due to stigma and negative attitudes. The recognition and acceptance of mental illness in the United States and the world, start by confronting misconceptions through education. Increased access to needed resources and funding for treatment and research may be accomplished through the use of media, education, and advocacy for the rights of people with mental illness.

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