



Easy Read Edition

The Cycle of Institutions

Words to Know



Cycle

When something happens over and over again. The cycle of institutions is when institutions keep closing and opening again.



DD Act

A law that got made in 1975. It helps protect the rights of people with developmental disabilities.



Group homes

Houses where only disabled people live. They are another kind of institution.



Institutions

Places where a lot of disabled people live. People living in institutions did not decide to live there. They usually can't leave when they want to.



Intentional Communities

A new kind of institution. They got made to look like actual communities.



Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)

One kind of institution. ICFs got made to take care of people with disabilities. They were for people who need more help with everyday life.



State Schools

The first institutions just for people with intellectual disabilities.

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