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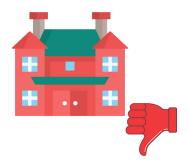
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Part 1: To Start

#### **To Start**



This toolkit is about institutions. It is also about living in the community.



It talks about why institutions are bad.



It talks about why people with disabilities should live in the community.

The toolkit will answer questions like:



What is an institution? What is living in the community



When did institutions get made?What were they like?



Why did people start closing institutions?



 What rules and laws help us live in the community?



 What happened when people moved from institutions into the community?



 Why is living in the community better than living in institutions?



What kinds of institutions are there today?



What are new institutions like?
 How are they different from the old institutions?



We talk a lot about institutions in this toolkit.



We talk about people getting hurt in institutions.



It may hurt to read about it.



It's okay to take a break from reading if you need to.



It's okay to not read this toolkit if it will hurt you.

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