

# Week 3 Overview + Course Materials: Access to Community and Services

Welcome to Week 3!

This week we will review the following content during lecture. Note: you are not required to review this material prior to coming to class:

- Review [Sequential Intercept Model graphic](#) and [SAMHSA Information \[Website\]](#)
- Watch [Decriminalize mental illness](#) (Viewing time: 7:39)

## Learning Objectives:

- Discuss how federal legislation and court decisions reflect changing values in society and shape treatment of people with disabilities, including mental disorders, in all areas of life, including the criminal justice system.
- Identify important laws and court decisions that determine access to community and services for people with mental disorders.
- Explain the sequential intercept model.
- Recognize how the law is intertwined with how the criminal justice system treats mental health.
- Explain the importance of using the law to protect people with mental health conditions.
- Relate the significance of James Chasse case to subsequent legislation in Oregon.

## Assignments Due Week 4.

Please complete the below prior to coming to class next week:

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- Watch [Alien Boy](#) (Viewing time: 91 minutes). Alien Boy is graphic and intense at times. Specifically, this video shows violence against others. Please be sure to take care of yourself. You are always welcome to check-in with me before or after class, if needed. My email address is [kendra.bender@pcc.edu](mailto:kendra.bender@pcc.edu)
- Complete initial discussion post for Week 3 Discussion Forum. Please post your initial discussion by Friday after class. Please respond to at least 2 discussion posts by Sunday.
- Read [Chapter 3: Disability Activism and the Rights of People with Mental Disorders](#)
- Read each of the following articles:
  - [Best Practices in Treatment Court Evaluation \[Online PDF from uscourts.gov\]](#)
  - [Pretrial Diversion \[Online PDF from uscourts.gov\]](#)
- Come to class ready to discuss the following for both articles:
  - What was new information?
  - Name a take away from best practices for specialty courts.
  - Why/why not do you think specialty courts can be effective for diversion?