

Disparities Faced by Individuals with Mental Health Problems: Tools to Forge Pathways to Change



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Disparities & the Mortality Gap:

When Chronic Health Conditions, SMI, SUD & Criminal Justice Collide



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Precious Beginnings





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Hopes Dreams Promises Possibilities



Late December 1998

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Loaded Genes



many diagnoses, yet long-lived

the Mortality Gap hits 4th generation



Hope amid heartache...

Shining

then

fragmented care

relapses amid



Gifts Along the Way

- Sincere Empathy
- Providers with a special touch
- Treatment and Medication that bring relief & wellness
- Research that illuminates the unknowns
- Beacons of commitment & professional resolve •
- Chronic Physical Illness + SMI require **Integrated** Care



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Serious Illnesses: complex and chaotic

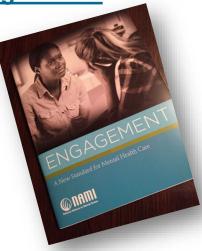
Isolation

stressors strike individuals, families, providers

- Fragmentation >>> the Rush to Judgment, no context
- Stand-alone Crisis Care can become its own Revolving Door
- <u>Everyone's Education</u> for Integration must start early
- Policies/people/places/programs for integration must be available
- Delays, detours, inadequate integration = Mortality Gap

Engagement takes time

- Connecting with the person & family
- Acknowledging the losses
- Valuing the heroic efforts
- Rebuilding for resilience



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Incarceration 2008-2010

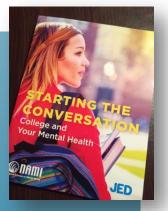
Turning Points without treatment 2010-2012 2013-2016







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Illness-driven or Persondriven?

Safety Nets Must Match <u>Person Needs</u> for Recovery

- Early identification / FEP
- Coordinated Specialty Care
- Psychiatrists in multiple settings
- Parity <u>Disparity</u>: Addressing complex needs
- Policy, legislation, training must reflect complexities
- Criminal Justice: Jail Diversion, Care & Re-entry issues
- RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE There is Help







What would have made the difference for our son?

- Quality Person-First initiatives must become the Gold Standard in medical training and community settings
- REENTRY, RECOVERY and RESILIENCE DON'T HAPPEN IN THE HOSPITAL
- Where were Evidence-based Interventions?
 - only 1 psychiatrist had successfully treated a person with Type 1, SMI and SUD
 - No Dual-Diagnoses Care available in Austin, TX.
- Psychiatry has a KEY ROLE to play with primary care and other integrated models
- Confusion and ignorance abound –where's the Cultural Competence for young adults?
- FRAGMENTED SYSTEM COSTS RECOVERY
- FRAGMENTED SYSTEM COSTS LIVES

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More Precious Beginnings

Genes are not destiny: vulnerable genes, yes . .

Effective practices are within reach >saving money >saving lives



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The Integrated Generation

Early identification intervention integration



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Policy+ Research+ Innovation+

Close Disparities

Advance Cultural Competence & Personcentered Recovery



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Report Findings

Report available at: <u>www.caregiving.org/mentalhealth</u>

Disparities in the world of Caregivers

The Big Picture

Data from NAC & AARP 2015

- 8.4 million Americans care for an adult with an emotional or mental health issue*
- Caregivers have typically provided care for 8.7 years, while caregivers of an adult care for 4 years on average (any condition).
- Most care recipients (58%) are between 18-39 years; most caregivers (45%) are parents caring for an adult child, though other relationships can be impacted
- The main conditions requiring care are bipolar disorder (25%), schizophrenia (25%), depression (22%), and anxiety (11%)

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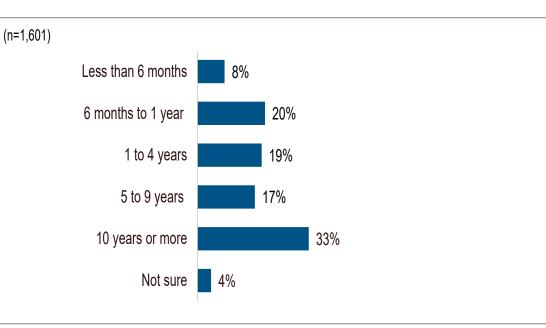
^{* &}lt;u>Caregiving in the U.S. 2015</u>, National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP Public Policy Institute

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One-third of caregivers have served as caregivers for 10+ years

Figure 2: Duration of Care

Q14. How long have you been providing/did you provide care to your [relation]?



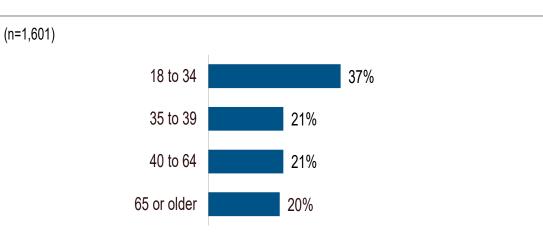
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The majority of people receiving care were between 18-39 years old:

Serious Implications for Empowerment Emancipation & Recovery

Figure 5: Care Recipient Age

Q13. How old is/was your [relation]?



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Critical Disparities compromise us all

> Shame
> Isolation
> Re-entry
> Recovery

Arrest

About one in three caregivers report their loved one has been arrested (32%)

Homelessness

One in five caregivers report their loved one has been homeless for a month or longer (21%)

Self-Harm and Suicide

Two-thirds of mental health caregivers are concerned their loved one will self-harm (68%) or die by suicide (65%)



21st Century Cures Act Educate providers and caregivers about HIPAA and other opportunities

Develop and disseminate model training for providers, lawyers, peers and families, including family <u>& friendship caregivers</u>, on appropriate communication of health information

To dignify

To honor and

To support people living with mental illness.

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Public Policy Solutions

Goal: to Honor and Emancipate with peer support & activism

- Provide assistance for <u>both</u> caregivers and individuals in navigating the mental health system. County and state providers can help.
- Include caregivers as part of health care team.
- Educate and provide resources for caregivers, especially with issues of stress & caregiver health.
- Reduce isolation Engage community
- Identify losses, acknowledge & heal grieving
- Remove the shame Refuse the stigma
- Make Mental Health a Community Priority

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Disparities in Care and Caregiving:

Let's shift these stats to models that Empower Average age is 46.3 years old but most are under age 40

- Almost half live in same household as caregiver (45%) or within 20 miles (27%)
- 3 in 10 have an alcohol or substance abuse issue
- Almost half are financially dependent on family and friends

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Public Policy Solutions

- Integrate mental health questions into all health care assessments, and provide regular screenings.
- Expand opportunities, credentialing, supervision and re-imbursement of Peer Support Specialists across the continuum of care
- Advocate for treatment parity for mental health issues equal to that of medical health issues.
- Ensure access and reimbursement for continuum of care
- Advocate for access to education, accommodations, re-entry in education and effective employment opportunities --including supported employment

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Do you know what it's like....? Intersectionality Diagnosis and Disparity

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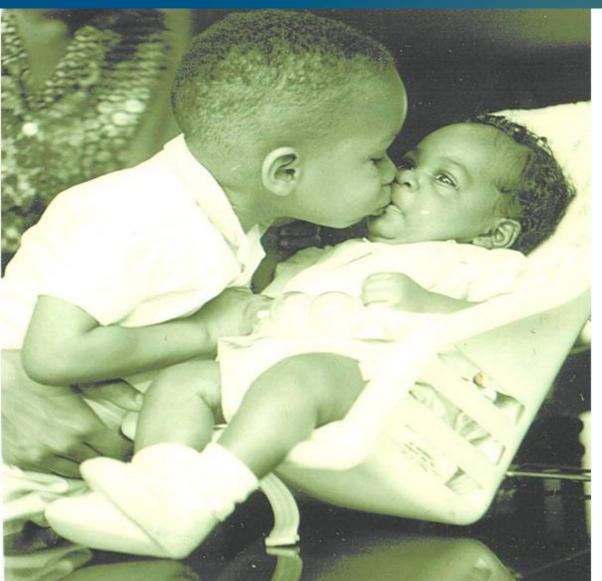
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A journey is a person in itself; No two are alike. - John Steinbeck







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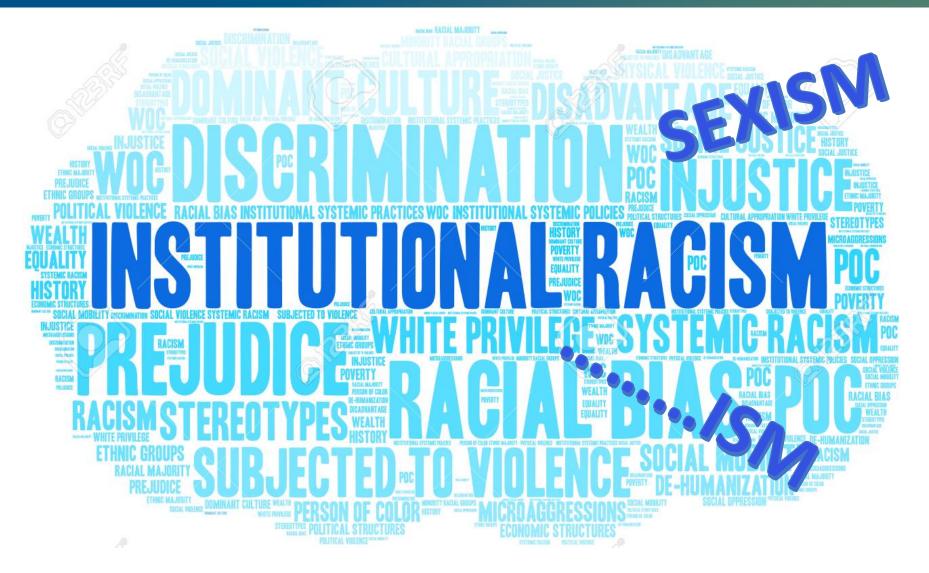
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Analysis | The Health 202: Patrick Kennedy shepherded a major mental-health bill into law. Ten years later, big barriers remain. washingtonpost.com



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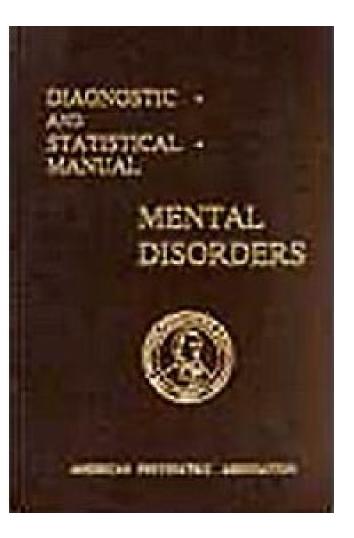


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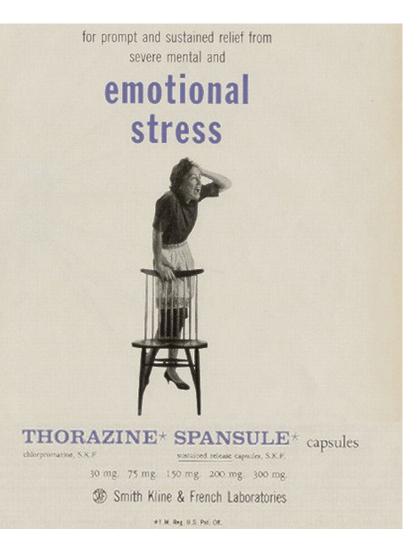
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- Focus on biological lesions
- Early life conflicts
- Reactions due to personality, psychological, social, environmental and biological factors

Schizophrenia Reaction



Schizophrenia was a collection of psychotic and neurotic symptoms thought to afflict women who struggled with their role of domesticity



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- "facilitate maximum communication within the profession and reduce confusion and ambiguity"
- Less culturally specific to the U.S.; more in line with W.H.O.'s. ICD
- Removes "Reaction"

Schizophrenia, Paranoid Type

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Assaultive and belligerent?



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"The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for. " - Fyodor Dostoyevsky



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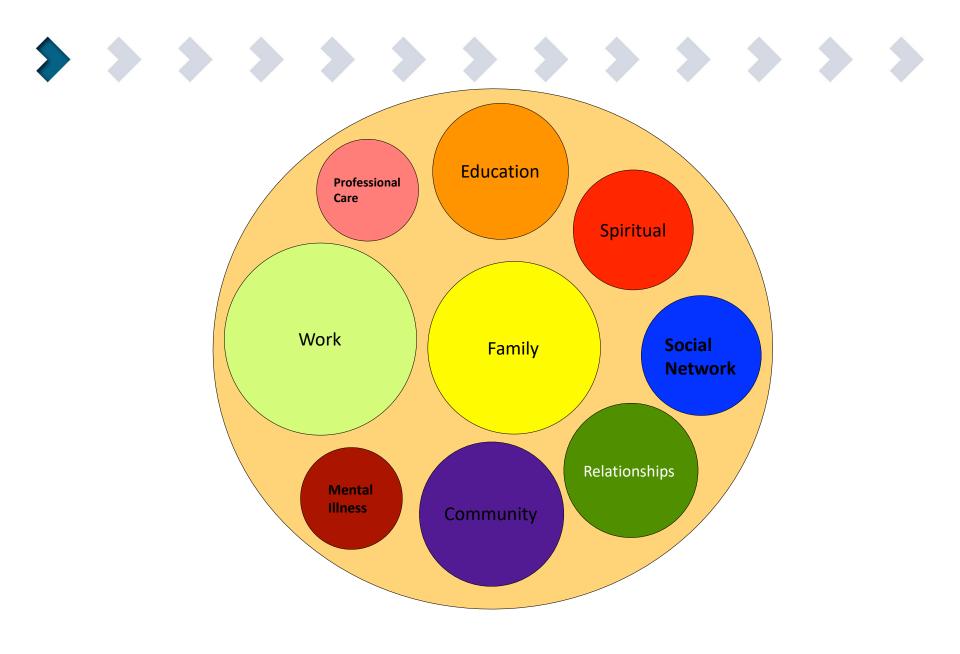
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The Power of Resilience and Recovery



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The Power of Peer Support





HOW DOES PEER SUPPORT HELP?

The role of a peer support worker complements, but does not duplicate or replace the roles of therapists, case managers, and other members of a treatment team. Consider someone who received a prosthetic arm after an accident. Clinical staff would explain how the new arm works, how to take it off and put it on, and how to care for it. A peer supporter who shares the experience of losing a limb, however, would be able to empathize with the person about what it is like to receive a prosthetic arm, the experience of introducing it to one's family, and how it feels to go out in public with it.

Peer support workers bring their own personal knowledge of what it is like to live and thrive with mental health conditions and substance use disorders. They support people's progress towards recovery and self-determined lives by sharing vital experiential information and real examples of the power of recovery. The sense of mutuality created through thoughtful sharing of experience is influential in modeling recovery and offering hope (Davidson, Bellamy, Guy, & Miller, 2012).

DOES PEER SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Emerging research shows that peer support is effective for supporting recovery from behavioral health conditions. Benefits of peer support may include

> Increased self-esteem and confidence (Davidson, et al., 1999; Salzer, 2002);

Increased sense of control and ability to bring about changes in their lives (Davidson, et al., 2012);



Raised empowerment scores (Davidson, et al., 1999; Dumont & Jones, 2002; Ochoka, Nelson, Janzen, & Trainor, 2006; Resnick & Rosenheck, 2008);



Increased sense that treatment is responsive and inclusive of needs (Davidson, et al., 2012); Increased sense of hope and inspiration (Davidson, et al., 2006; Ratzlaff, McDiarmid, Marty, & Rapp, 2006); Increased empathy and acceptance (camaraderie) (Coatsworth-Puspokey, Forchuk, & Ward-Griffin, 2006; Davidson, et al., 1999):



Decreased psychotic symptoms (Davidson, et al., 2012); and

Increased engagement in self-care and wellness (Davidson, et al., 2012); Reduced hospital admission rates and longer community tenure (Chinman, Weingarten, Stayner, & Davidson, 2001; Davidson, et al., 2012; Forchuk, Martin, Chan, & Jenson, 2005; Min, Whitecraft, Rothbard, Salzer, 2007);

Increased social support and social functioning (Kurtz, 1990; Nelson, Ochocka, Janzen, & Trainor, 2006; Ochoka et al., 2006; Trainor, Shepherd, Boydell, Leff, & Crawford, 1997; Yanos, Primavera, & Knight, 2001);



Decreased substance use and depression (Davidson, et al., 2012).

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Improved Treatments

Improved Service Systems

Positive Quality of Life

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Lives Saved

More Supports

More Inclusion

Greater Acceptance

A Better Understanding

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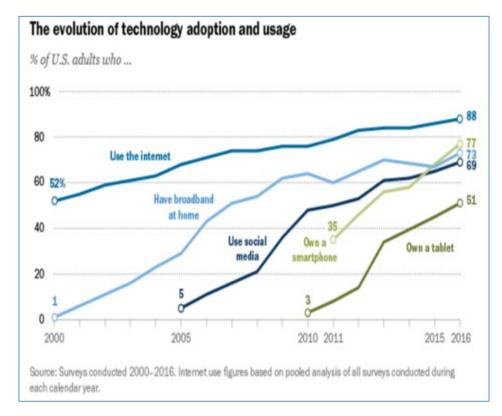


Disparities in Digital Mental Health: Towards Closing the Gap

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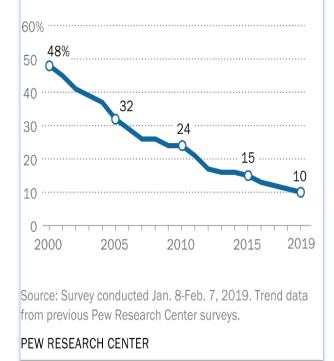
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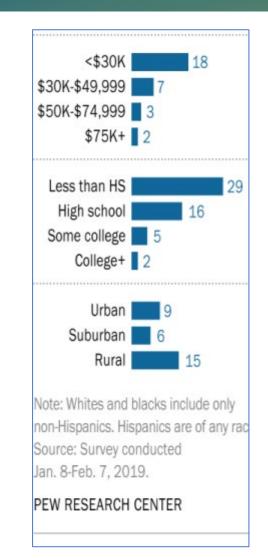
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Offline population has declined substantially since 2000

% of U.S. adults who say they do not use the internet



Who's not online in 2019? % of U.S. adults who say they do not use the internet U.S. adults 10% Men 10 Women q White 8 Black 15 Hispanic 14 Ages 18-29 0 30-49 3 50-64 65+ 27



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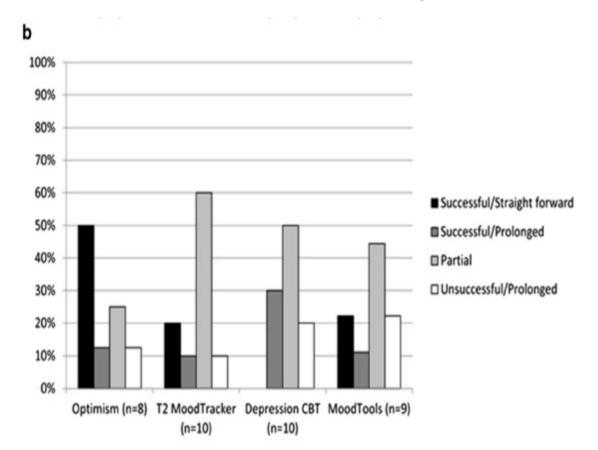
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Most Apps are Not Easy To Use



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"They told me I am too sick to use it..."



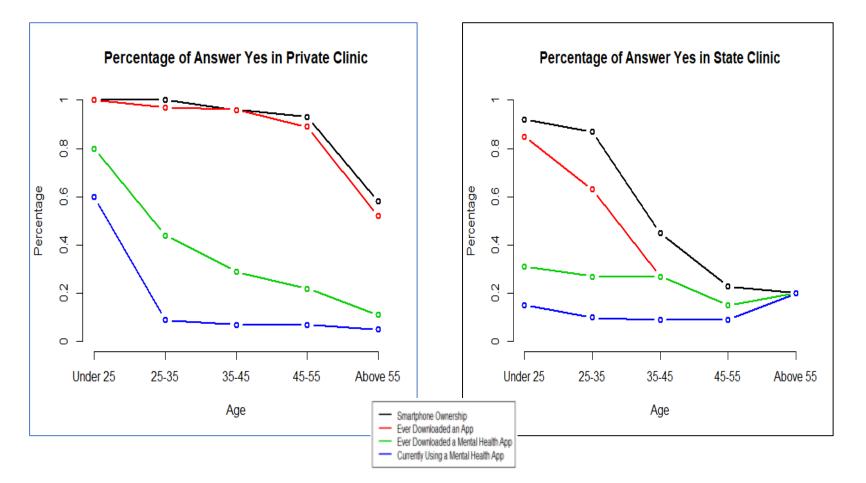


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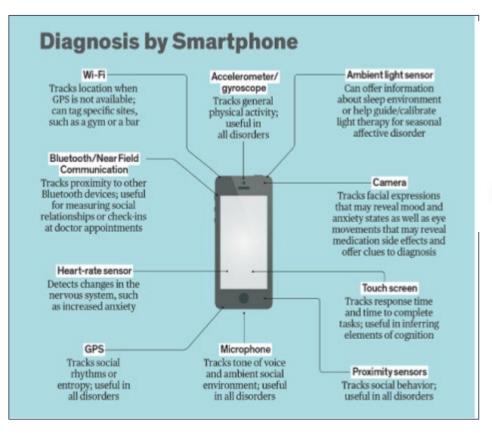
Is it a Medical Device

"First, what an app <u>claims</u> to do matters. Many apps that target symptoms without claiming to diagnose, treat, or mitigate disease are exempt from FDA oversight."

"A second theme is that the <u>potential for harm</u> to a user matters. The FDA has indicated that apps that pose a high potential for harm are subject to review."

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What Do Apps Offer Users?



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	Anxiety (n=40)	Schizophrenia (n=40)	Depression (n=40)	Diabetes (n=40)	Addiction (n=40)	Hypertension (n=40)
User Star Ratings	4.29	4.18	4.41	4.35	4.44	4.10
Presence of a Privacy Policy	85%	50%	85%	85%	70%	45%
Ability to Delete Data	70%	20%	70%	60%	45%	25%
Costs Associated with the App	70%	15%	65%	40%	65%	60%
Days Since Last Update	58	462	139	37	166	687
Medical Claims by App	15%	30%	45%	45%	5%	45%
Specific Evidence to Support Medical Claims	5%	10%	0%	5%	0%	0%

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Can You Understand What It Demands?



	Reading Level of Privacy Policy
Mental Health Apps	13.6
Diabetes Apps	13.9

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A Privacy Loophole

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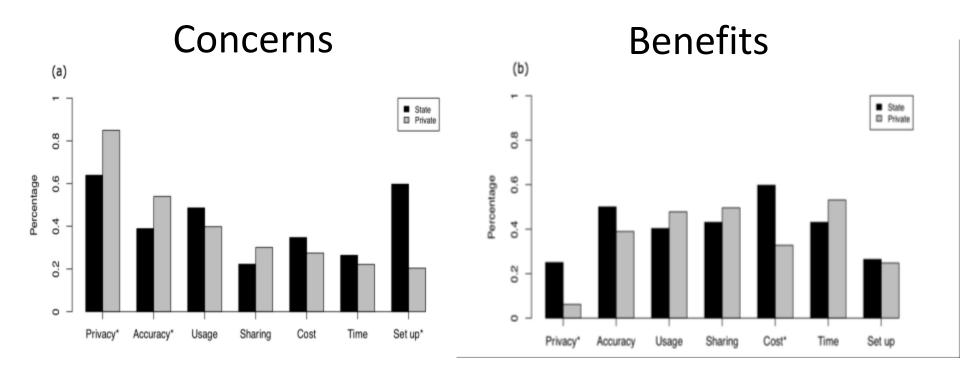
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Facebook Analytics	12	(33%)	7	(58%)
Others	20	(56%)	13	(65%)
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Lack of Informed Consent



In Screening for Suicide Risk, Facebook Takes On Tricky Public Health Role





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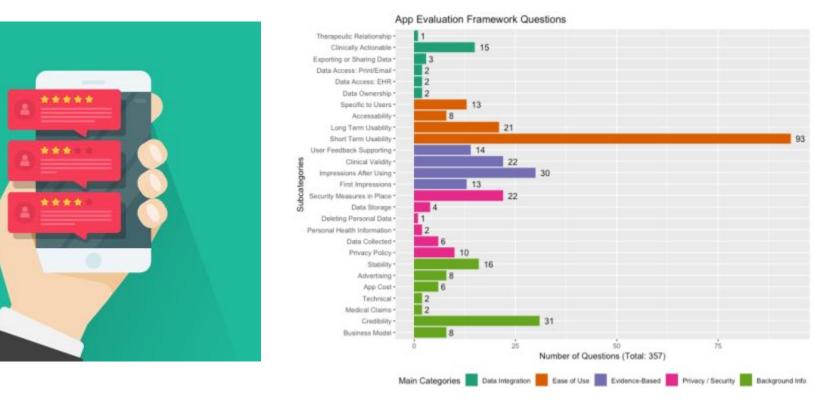
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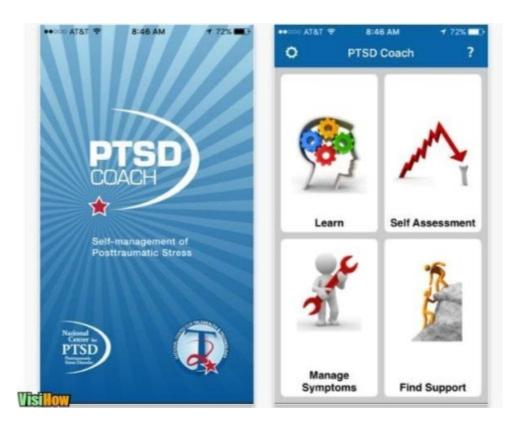
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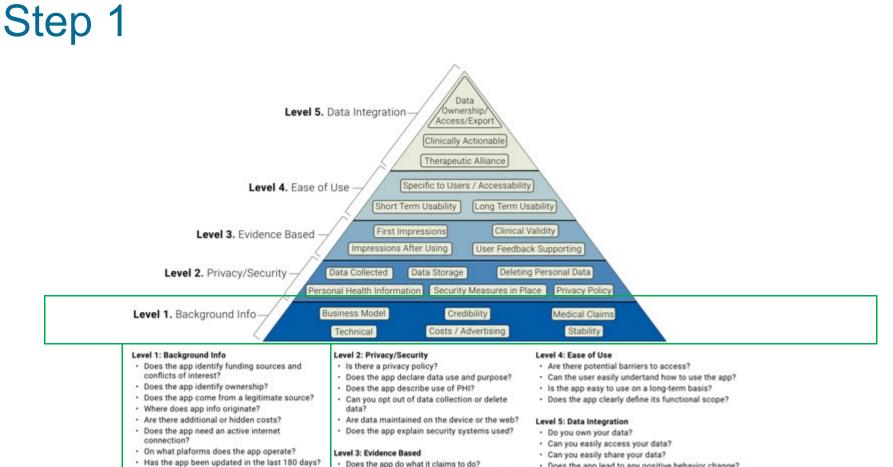
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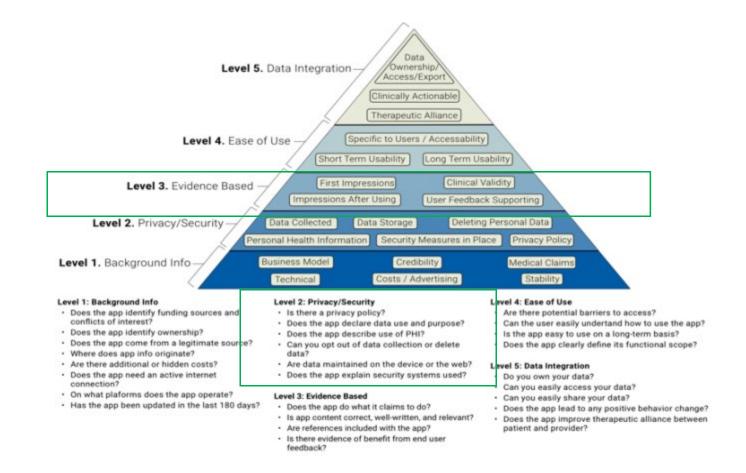
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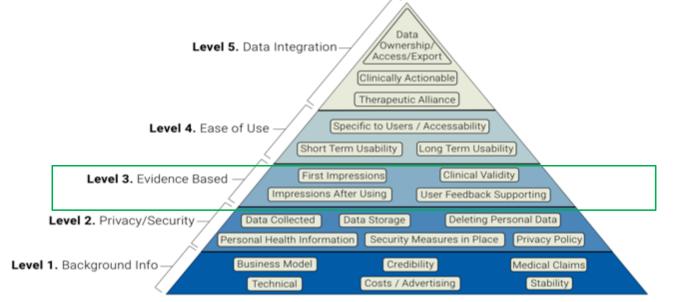


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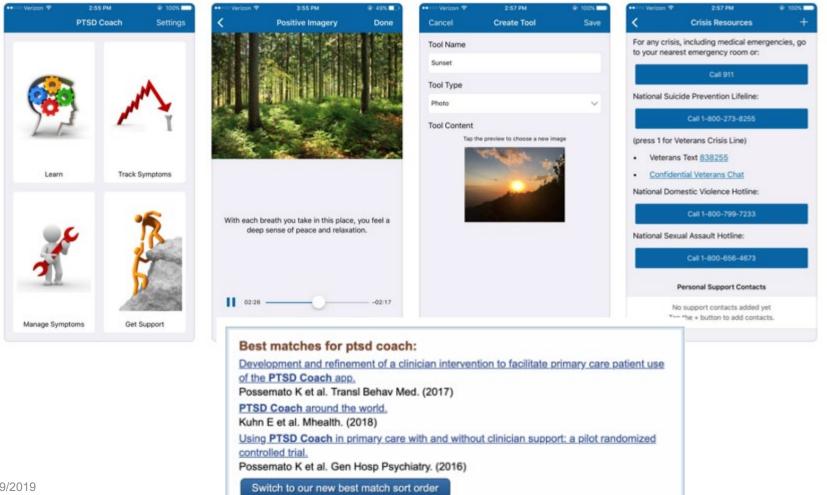
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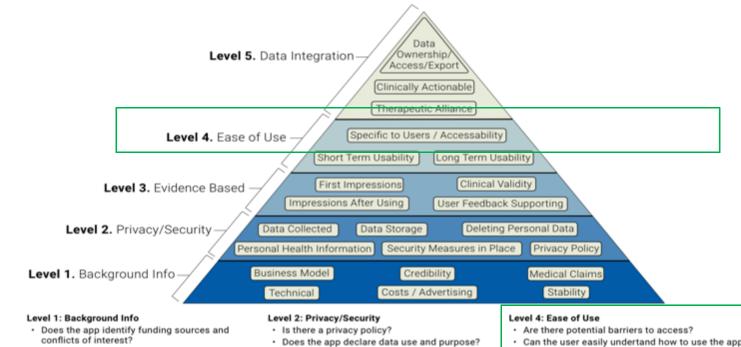
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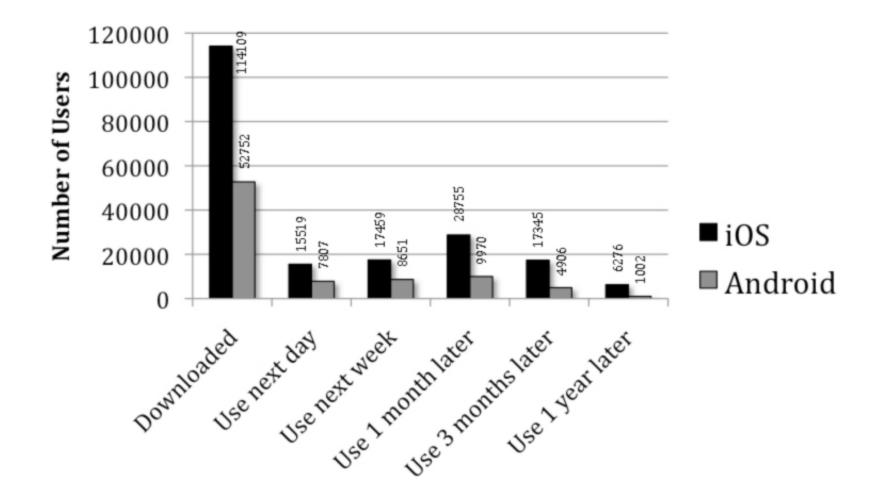
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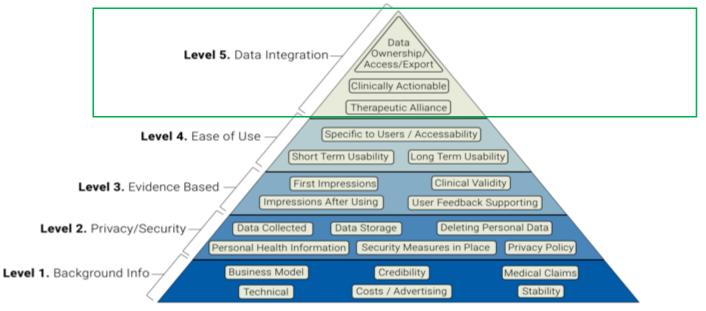
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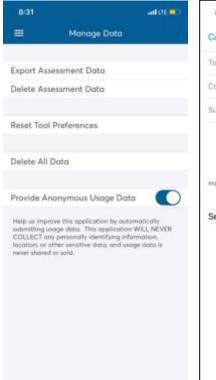
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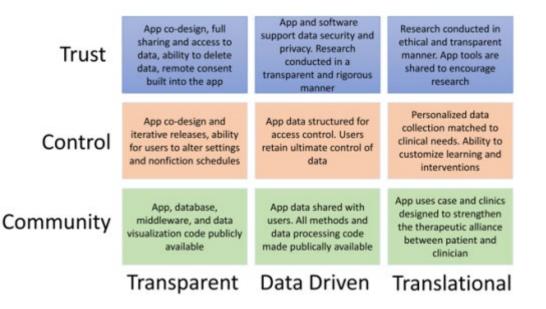
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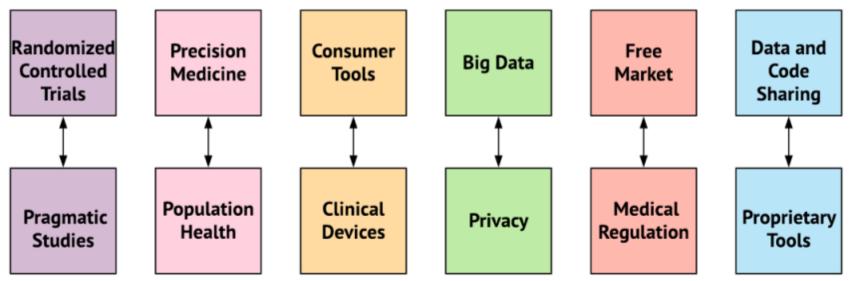


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