

MIWatch.org: News About Mental Illness

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The Client

MIWatch is an online news source for persons affected by mental illness(es) including, but not limited to patients, family members, service recipients, clinicians, and members of the press. Site features enable users an easy to navigate interface allowing searches to be conducted by date, author, and a unique search engine of the archives. The end-goal of MIWatch is to be an information hub for mental health issues.

The Problem

People affected by mental illness(es) need a place where they are able to search for available mental help facilities nearest their location. Locations information would ideally be contained in a central hub which would serve as a one-stop-shop for all mental illness informational needs.

The Solution

Utilizing the Google API, the team implemented a map of mental help facilities, which allows users to search for facilities nearest their address filterable by facility type. Selecting a specific location will allow the user to browse through relevant contact, services, insurance, and other general information. The option for the user to enter in their starting address to return directions to the facility is also offered. These locations are maintained through a locally managed database that is updated by the team, and later by MIWatch staff.