

The Gadsden Times

This copy is for your personal, noncommercial use only. You can order presentation-ready copies for distribution to your colleagues, clients or customers [here](#) or use the "Reprints" tool that appears above any article. [Order a reprint of this article now.](#)

LETTER: More effective

Published: Monday, June 4, 2012 at 5:48 p.m.

I see where more ex-VA officials are finding fault against the mental health care system today. I'm an 84-year-old ex-mental patient who worked on a gray truck for the old Bryce Hospital from 1957 to 1958 every day of the week without pay. But by today's standards I'd be allowed to draw the minimum wage, thanks to government guidelines that became effective in the late '70s.

I can vouch for the strain most mental patients still go through today. It's why I heartily endorse the CED hometown local site over the crude, stack- them-all-together state system, as a more effective and humane way of treating mental illness. I think mental patients should be treated alike, no matter who they are and where they came from, whether they be veterans, popular politicians or religious and sports figures. That's been one of the state's worst problems in getting people well again.

I think we need a hospice plan to benefit mental patients nationwide with the right therapy and a personal recovery program. It will help patients get well easier and quicker than they have before, so they can be released into society.

We in Etowah County, who care for our beloved committed ones, should be thankful that the CED gives people a better chance of full recovery. The center has upgraded with the latest advances in mental health care, so patients will have more to hope for and less to complain about. We've come a long way in this world of pain and suffering to dispel the old myths the disease is incurable, and all those who have worst of it should be condemned and put out of their misery. They can be spared from the ridicule and harassment of the old stigma of being viewed as insane, non-productive people.

James Ayers

Attalla

Copyright © 2012 GadsdenTimes.com — All rights reserved. Restricted use only.

ikidz Rooms
a place for kids & teens

OMG...
it's our
Grand opening!

VISIT US TODAY!

A Gallery Inside Of
Midtown Outlet

CLICK HERE ...to see our products, view current offers or contact us.

1730 Quintard Avenue
Anniston, AL 36201
256-236-2642