Characteristics of Contemporary Clubhouses: Results from International Clubhouse Surveys

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The Clubhouse Model

The Clubhouse Model of Psychosocial Rehabilitation originated at Fountain House in 1946. Currently, over 1000 clubhouse sites worldwide are supporting the international Clubhouse Development Program. ICCD Clubhouses are founded on the management model that emerged from Fountain House and have evolved the whole process in a spirit of self-help and authentic democratic practices. Participation is offered to an individual for the first time, which means no minimum level of ability for eligibility. Each member holds the key to his or her own door, either the club’s or the home of other clubhouses—although this member may choose not to interact with others. Members are encouraged to contribute to the operation of the club. According to the model of Total Thames, all club members are volunteers. ICCD clubhouses are nonprofit organizations, providing education, health promotion, information services, and leadership in community, volunteer, and professional experiences.

ICCD Clubhouse Distribution: USA

Clubhouse Employment Services & Supports

- Employment Services: full-time, part-time, and on-call positions. RWI offers help in developing and implementing strategies for successful employment and career advancement.
- Transitional Employment: provides a range of services, including career development, job search, and job choice to help members find or advance in competitive employment.
- Independent Employment: provides a range of services, including career development, job search, and job choice to help members find or advance in competitive employment.
- Outreach: provides a range of services, including career development, job search, and job choice to help members find or advance in competitive employment.

The International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD)

Established in 1994, the ICCD supports and coordinates the development of clubhouses that are affiliated with the International Clubhouse Model. The ICCD has conducted international research projects to advance the quality and performance of clubhouses, and to document the outcomes of clubhouses. The ICCD provides a range of services, including career development, job search, and job choice to help members find or advance in competitive employment.

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