

FROM THE EDITOR

One of the most pressing areas in the disability community and in society today is the meaningful integration and rehabilitation of people with psychiatric impairments. This is a very large group of people, many of whom have recently left institutional facilities with little community support awaiting them. Vocational services and rehabilitation are critical needs for individuals with psychiatric impairment, as work activity becomes an essential mode of therapeutic intervention. To date, there is no one way of providing vocational rehabilitation to this challenging group of people—many different approaches are necessary

to meet the unique and diverse characteristics posed by this population.

Dr. Karen Danley, a national leader on this topic, is serving as this issue's guest editor and has assembled a sterling cross-section of experts to present clinical observations, research, and theoretical papers. I believe that a superb mix of content and types of papers is available for the rehabilitation practitioner and hope that readers will find this issue to be extremely useful in their clinical work.

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