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This News brief alerts you to the following new report: Campaign for Mental Health Reform (2005). Emergency response: Roadmap for federal action on America's mental health crisis . Washington, DC: Campaign for Mental Health Reform. Retrieved 27 July 2005 from [http://www.mhreform.org/emergency/emergencyresponse\\_report.pdf](http://www.mhreform.org/emergency/emergencyresponse_report.pdf).

"The Campaign for Mental Health Reform, a partnership of 16 national mental health organizations, presents the Emergency response: Roadmap for Federal Action on America's Mental Health Crisis as a constructive set of steps to implement the vision of the President's New Freedom Commission. Effective transformation and fulfillment of the promise of the New Freedom initiative is possible only with improved federal leadership in each of the following areas:

Step 1: Maximize the effectiveness of scarce resources by coordinating programs and making systems "seamless" to consumers.

Step 2: Stop making criminals of those whose mental illness results in inappropriate behavior.

Step 3: Make Medicaid accountable for the effectiveness of the mental health services it pays for.

Step 4: Prevent the negative consequences of mental disorders by getting the right services to the right people at the right time.

Step 5: Invest in children and support and value their families' role in making treatment decisions.

Step 6: Promote independence by increasing employment, eliminating disincentives for economic self-sufficiency and ending homelessness.

Step 7: Address the mental health needs of returning veterans and their families."

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