



## **Goals and objectives from the 1957 MHA Charter included the following:**

- To study the broad current problems of community life which might affect mental health;
- To assist in the development and improvement of established facilities and programs for mental health;
- To improve or assist in improvement of institutions and to create additional institutions to serve the field of mental health;
- To engage in public education on mental health;
- To assist in the creation of mental facilities (1957 language);
- To assist and cooperate with institutions providing care and treatment of mental patients by establishing recreational funds and facilities (1957 language);
- To assist in establishing mental hygiene clinics (1957 language) in Broward County;
- To promote the study of mental health within the public school system;
- To assist in securing mental health services within the school system;
- To present mental health educational programs within the school system and for the general public;
- To urge the creation of psychiatric wards in hospitals, especially in public hospitals in Broward County;
- To distribute literature or information throughout the community to influence public opinion toward the study of mental health;
- To assist in securing legislation to support mental health programs and to encourage governmental agencies and bodies and all public agencies and corporations to adopt such programs;
- To engage all organizations/entities within the community to eradicate causes for social breakdown and mental ill health;
- To engage in health and welfare planning; and
- To raise funds and support to carry out the object of the corporation.