

## Group Calls For Closure of Moose Jaw Mental Institution



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The Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Association of Community Living is supporting calls for the closure of the Valley View Centre in Moose Jaw.

Faith Bodner says SACL will be happy to help facilitate the closure and will take part in its planning and implementation.

The Deinstitutionalization Coalition of Saskatchewan or DCS wants Valley View closed by 2010. Co-Chair Laurie Larson says institutions are indefensible, and a blatant abuse of human rights. Bill Hogarth, of People First of Saskatchewan and Co-Chair of DCS says all people deserve a home that they choose with the support they need. Hogarth says institutions are not homes.

A day long Forum on Deinstitutionalization will be held Thursday, at the Hilton Garden Inn. Registration begins at 9am.

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