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### Journalism Fellows Explore Mental Health Issues, Fight Stigma

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Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter launched a journalism fellowship program in 1996 to increase accurate reporting of mental health issues as a way to fight stigma and discrimination against people with mental illnesses—some of the most serious, unrecognized, and under-reported health problems in the United States and worldwide. To date, 118 Rosalynn Carter Fellowships for Mental Health Journalism have been awarded to reporters and writers on four continents. Each year, incoming and outgoing classes of fellows meet for several days of training at The Carter Center, where they discuss their story ideas and interact with experts in the field of mental health. In the following video, fellows describe important issues in mental health today.



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