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Judi Chamberlin is a psychiatric survivor and an activist since 1971 in the survivor/consumer/ex-patient movement. She helped to found the Ruby Rogers Advocacy and Drop-In Center in 1985, which is run by and for people who have received psychiatric services.

Judi is the author of *On Our Own: Patient-Controlled Alternatives to the Mental Health System*, originally published in 1978, and later republished in Britain, Italy, and Japan. She has also written numerous articles about the movement, self-help, and patients' rights.

Judi is affiliated with the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University, where she works on projects concerning recovery, curriculum development, and on the use of personal assistance services for people with psychiatric disabilities. She is a co-founder of the National Empowerment Center, in Lawrence, MA, a federally funded technical assistance center which serves the consumer/survivor/ex-patient movement, where she is the Director of Education and Training.

Judi is a board member of the National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA), the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), the Center for Public Representation, and Mental Disability Rights International (MDRI). She served as co-chair of the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP) from 2001 to 2004. In 2004, she was appointed to the Panel of Experts which advises the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Disability. She also serves on the Massachusetts Mental Health State Planning Council (co-chair), and the Governor's Special Advisory Commission on Disability Policy, among many other boards and committees. She is a member of the editorial board of *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*. She is listed in *Who's Who in America*, and is profiled in *Extraordinary People with Disabilities*, a book for young people.

Judi has spoken at conferences and meetings around the world, with appearances in Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Holland, Portugal, Italy, Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Hungary, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Hong Kong.

In 1992, Judi received the Distinguished Service Award of the President of the United States from the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, and the David J. Vail National Advocacy Award from the Mental Health Association of Minnesota. In 1995, she was the recipient of the N. Neal Pike Prize for Services to People with Disabilities, from the Boston University School of Law.