

What is the Wisconsin Resource Center?

Background Information

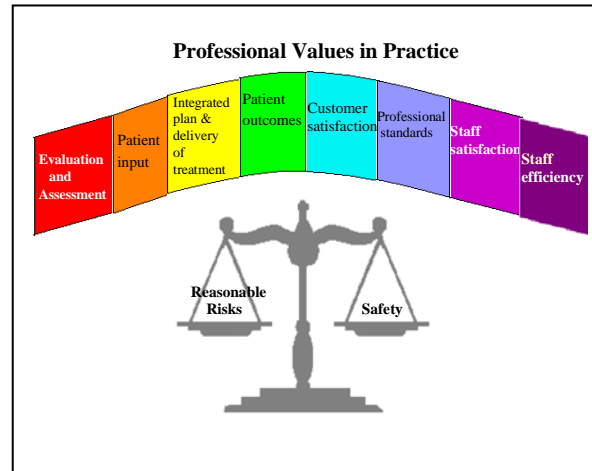
The Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) is administrated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, since January of 1983, as a specialized mental health facility established as a medium prison. WRC is also identified as a treatment facility for the placement of Sexually Violent Persons (SVPs) detained or admitted pursuant to Chapter 980, Wisconsin Statutes.

The facility operates as a secure treatment center and is managed by the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS).

Program Evolution

Since WRC began operation in 1983, it has been at the forefront in the development of innovative treatment methods for special needs inmates. The creation of programs to control and modify behavior has enabled WRC to place difficult-to-manage inmates on general population units. Program segregation and disciplinary committee procedures have been customized to coordinate the control, discipline, and treatment functions of the institution.

Since its inception, WRC has been the only correctional institution that has consistently and systematically provided commitment evaluations for prison inmates and follow-through with certified psychiatric treatment.



Location

WRC is located on the shore of Lake Winnebago next to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Positioned in the heart of the Fox River Valley, WRC is midway between Oshkosh and Neenah. The Valley is known for its

high quality of life including excellent parks, recreational opportunities, schools and low traffic volume. Though in a rural setting, WRC is only five minutes from downtown Oshkosh and is conveniently close to Highway 41.

Working at WRC

Under the leadership of Byran Bartow, Director and Thomas Speech, Deputy Director, WRC is an equal opportunity employer for health care professionals, corrections professionals, and others who are dedicated to offering quality care and services to inmates with mental health needs and Chapter 980 patients.

There are approximately 450 staff and 100 security staff serving the needs on the average of 460 inmates/patients. WRC is a safe and friendly work environment.

Who is Placed at WRC?

Inmates are referred to WRC for treatment of behavioral and/or mental health issues. Many are engaged in multi-disciplinary treatment programs, therapeutic services, education classes, and work therapy. SVPs have often served time in prison as inmates, but are held for additional treatment after they have completed their sentences.

Staffing Pattern

Our facility is staffed with the following positions:

Barber
Chaplain
Client Rights Facilitator
Correctional Officer
Corrections Administrative Specialist-Conf.
Corrections Food Service Leader 1
Corrections Program Supervisor
Correctional Sergeant
Dentist: Dental Assistant
DHFS Security Director
Education Director
Facility Repair Worker Advanced
Financial Program Supervisor
Food Service Supervisor
Health Information Supervisor
Human Resource Assistant Advanced
Institution Complaint Examiner
Institution Human Resource Director
Institution Superintendent Director
Institution Superintendent Deputy Director
Institution Unit Supervisor
IS Comprehensive Services Senior
IS Comprehensive Services Professional
Librarian: Library Services Assistant Senior
Medical Director
MIS Shared Services
Nurse Clinician 2
Nursing Director
Nursing Supervisor
Nursing Specialist
Offender Records Assistant 2, 3
Offender Registrar
Office Associate
Office Operations Associate
Payroll and Benefits Specialist 1, 3
Pharmacist: Pharmacy Technician
Physician

Staffing Pattern (continued)

Program & Planning Analyst-Advanced
Program Assistant-Confidential
Psychiatric Care Supervisor
Psychiatric Care Technician 1, 2
Psychiatrist: Psychiatrist Management
Psychologist Supervisor/Clinical Director
Psychologist-Licensed
Psychological Services Associates
Purchasing Agent
Recreation Leader (A)
Recreation Leader (B)
Secretary Confidential
Social Services Supervisor
Social Worker: Social Worker Senior
Supervising Officer 2
Teacher
Therapist: Therapist Senior
Therapist Supervisor
Training Officer
Treatment Specialist 2

For information on job opportunities, please visit
http://dhs.wisconsin.mh_wrc/index.htm

Guiding Principle

WRC engages and treats individuals with severe and persistent mental health needs within a secure setting to enhance public safety, promote healing, and support personal recovery.

Objectives

- I. Advocate for and/or provide support services in the community for mentally ill inmates being released from Wisconsin prisons.
- II. Reduce the number of mentally ill inmates retained in segregation in the Wisconsin prison system.
- III. Engage in continuous improvement of WRC services.



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