

# BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **PRECIOUS PETALS FLOWER PROJECT**

Function Category:  PATIENT-FOCUSED    ORGANIZATION    STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Care of Patients**

Heading: **Programming**

Key Word(s): **Flowers/Work Training Program**

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**Purpose:** To provide a work training opportunity for LPS and penal code patients. To enhance self-esteem through successful completion of work activity and earnings.

**Brief Description:** Donated flowers are delivered to the Work Activity Center, where work crews arrange and package flowers. The flowers are then displayed by the patients at various locations throughout the facility. Patients receive donations for their flower arrangements from units and administrative offices throughout the facility. Money received from donations are distributed to the work crews. Remaining or damaged flowers are hung for drying and then utilized for arts and crafts projects.

**Selection Basis/Criteria:**

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs    Video Tape    Drawings    Manual

Other : \_\_\_\_\_

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