

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **FAMILY DAY**

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Education/Continuum of Care**

Heading: **Patients and Family**

Key Word(s): **Family Day**

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Purpose: To provide an informal social setting for patients, their family members and unit/program staff to come together and reduce the stigma and misperceptions of institutional living in a forensic psychiatric hospital.

Brief Description: Staff and patients plan a partial to full day of activities, including snacks and/or meal, to which the patients invite family members/significant others to attend. The day includes a tour of the residential living unit, music, games, other leisure activities and at least one snack or meal. Major consideration for security issues is paramount. All patients are encouraged to invite family members and/or significant others to attend. All visitors must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid picture identification card.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other : _____

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