

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **COURTYARD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Management of the Environment**

Heading: **Design**

Key Word(s): **Management of Environment of Care**

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Purpose: To create a more therapeutic and pleasant courtyard environment for use by patients on Program VII.

Brief Description: A programwide (staff) courtyard ad hoc planning committee was implemented to help coordinate this project. Various groups were created to help beautify the program courtyard including garden groups and a mural painting group. A courtyard plan was developed by patients and staff.

Selection Basis/Criteria: Any patient on Program VII interested in gardening or painting was an eligible patient if they functioned at a level 3. Patients were referred to various program groups by unit rehabilitation therapists.

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other :

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