



Stribling Courtyard

Social Work Department

Currently, WSH has 17 Social Workers, 1 Intensive Discharge Planner, and 1 Benefits Coordinator. Each unit has Interdisciplinary Treatment Teams. Each Treatment Team is staffed professionally with a psychiatrist, social worker, psychologist, mental health worker, rehabilitation specialist, primary care provider, a nursing coordinator, and additional nursing staff.

WSH also has specialists in pharmacology, behavioral psychology, neuropsychology, and forensic psychology.

Who We Are

About Us

Western State Hospital (WSH) is a JCAHO accredited State Facility serving adults with severe mental illness.

WSH's mission is "to provide safe and effective individual treatment".

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Social Work Student Brochure

Social Work Functions:

- Social Work Assessment: Full psychosocial assessment and history obtained upon admission
- Treatment Planning: Developed with feedback from members of the Treatment Team including the patient, to navigate the best course to community re-entry.
- Discharge Planning: It is the Social Worker's role to assist the community re-entry process. The discharge plan is developed in conjunction with the Community Service Board.
- Family Involvement: Social Work proactively seeks family for support and problem solving as the individual reenters community and family life.
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation Group: The Social Worker leads discharge planning and community education groups.
- Record Keeping: Social Work is responsible for all types of documentation that helps assess and track services for patients.
- Hospital-wide Functions: Social Workers participate in various multidisciplinary committees.



Main Pathway

Types of experiences at WSH:

- Acute Care: Admissions, short term
- Extended Care: chronic/severe mental illness, long term
- Forensics
- Dual Diagnosis: Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder
- Medical Care Services

“The strongest people are those who win battles we know nothing about”

- Treatment Planning Conferences with an Interdisciplinary Team to develop treatment and discharge plans
- Morning meetings with patients to dispense information
- Psychosocial Rehabilitative Groups with patients
- Social Work individual and group supervision
- Social Work peer review of documentation
- Social Work Department Meetings
- Community Services Board interfacing



Unit

Students will have frequent contact with:

- Community Service Boards
- Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes
- Group Homes
- Supervised and Independent Apartments
- Department of Social Services
- Social Security Administration
- Veterans Administration
- Department of Rehabilitative Services
- Community Clubhouses
- Community based substance abuse programs (AA, NA, ASAP)
- Agencies that meet the needs of special populations such as Intellectual Disability, Developmental Delay and Head Injury
- Agencies that provide legal support or legal oversight such as Probation office, NGRI Committee, Legal Aid, and Law Offices