

# EVANSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

## Facility Fact Sheet      Calendar Year 2021

In 1883, Indiana's Legislature authorized funding for the construction of a new facility in Evansville to treat mentally ill patients. A secluded, densely wooded farm on Newburgh Road (now Lincoln Avenue), then three miles outside of the city, was selected as the site, and on October 30, 1890, the new hospital admitted its first two patients. A fire in 1943 destroyed some of the early buildings and by 2008 all of the old structures had been razed.

Today, Evansville State Hospital continues its mission of Hope and Recovery for persons with severe mental illness. A replacement hospital, with a capacity for 168 patients, was opened on the original hospital campus in September 2003. The Golden trowel award was presented to the hospital for use of innovative "green" building materials.

Evansville State Hospital continues to maintain Joint Commission (JC) certification and also maintains certification as a Psychiatric Medicaid/Medicare Hospital through deemed status from our JC accreditation. The hospital is composed of two service lines that provide care to adults with severe mental illness. Both service lines consist of male and female patients. Areas of service are:

- **Admissions and Adult Continuing Treatment Services:** These four units with a total of 126 beds provide treatment for new patient admissions and all other patients that continue to require active treatment for a serious mental illness.
- **Geriatric/Medically Fragile Services:** This 42-bed unit provides treatment for the geriatric, medically fragile and chronic population.

Treatment is individualized through interdisciplinary assessments with a recovery focus and may include stabilization of symptoms through psychopharmacology, management of medical problems, individual and group therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, Cognitive Re-training, Expressive Therapy, Illness Management and Recovery, Trauma specific service (Seeking Safety and TREM), patient and family education, rehabilitation and recreation therapy, academic and skills training, vocational training, and supported employment.

Various types of training programs use biopsychosocial learning programs, including groups on medication management, anger management, coping skills, community reintegration, social skills development, falls prevention and Adult Living Skills such as money management, meal preparation etc. A Treatment Mall concept is used for active treatment programs in addition to unit-based programs.

This hospital does not have a specific forensic unit, but does admit individuals who have legal involvement, such as those individuals determined to be Incompetent to Stand Trial; patients with legal charges pending; and some Department of Correction outdates—those that need continued mental health treatment following DOC confinement.

The gatekeeper for individuals who have legal involvement is the Division of Mental Health and Addiction’s Office of General Counsel, who determines appropriate placement. Individuals with charges involving behavior which would require a more secure environment would be referred to the forensic unit (Isaac Ray) at Logansport State Hospital. ESH, as well as the hospitals in our system, receive what is referred to as “step downs” from Isaac Ray with approval from DMHA Office of General Counsel when it is determined the client would be more appropriately placed in a less restrictive environment than the Isaac Ray Treatment Center.

**Calendar Year 2021**

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| Admissions               | <b>87</b>  |
| Discharges               | <b>97</b>  |
| Average Daily Population | <b>131</b> |

**Staffing as of December 31, 2021**

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| Positions on the Staffing table           | <b>350</b> |
| Current FTE Employees                     | <b>239</b> |
| State employees                           | <b>239</b> |
| Contract employees                        | <b>5</b>   |
| Current state vacancies on staffing table | <b>111</b> |

Each patient works with a provider who leads a multi-disciplinary team of licensed nurses, psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation therapists, and behavioral health recovery attendants. Consultation with other physicians and specialists is readily available.

Currently, Evansville State Hospital is utilizing the equivalent of ten (10) full time contract staff composed of the following: three (3) Pharmacists, one (1) Pharmacy Technician, three (3) Psychiatrists, one (1) part time Family Practice Nurse Practitioner, one (1) part time Medical Director, one (1) FTE health care position that is split between a Dentist, On-Call Providers, and an Optometrist. Additional temporary workers are used on an as needed basis. Food Services is provided through a contract service.

**Executive Team**

- Carlene Oliver, Interim Superintendent
- Jessica Golba Asst. Superintendent
- Dr. Gregory Unfried, Medical Director
- Bev Robbins, Director of Nursing
- Dr. Jennifer Braun, Clinical Director
- Diana Matlock, Quality Director
- Brenda McKinney, Human Resources Director