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Fact Sheet: Riverview Hospital

- Riverview Hospital is the *only* state operated psychiatric hospital for children and youth ages 5 to 18 years old.
- Riverview Hospital is the most intensive psychiatric treatment setting on Connecticut's behavioral health continuum of care for children. It is the **treatment center of last resort for the most seriously ill children** experiencing extreme emotional and behavioral difficulties.
- The hospital admits children discharged from Natchaug Hospital, Institute of Living, and Yale New Haven Hospital as well as most of Connecticut's general hospitals (Emergency Departments) and both state-run and private provider residential treatment centers.
- Riverview Hospital is unique in that it is the **only treatment facility that provides a year-round school for patients, full dental and medical care**, and has a flexible fund account to support children in need of clothing and transportation when parents/guardians are unable to afford it.
- In FY 2008, Riverview generated \$10.7 million in federal revenue. These funds come from Washington as a reimbursement for care provided at the Hospital and go directly into the General Fund.
- Riverview Hospital is a teaching hospital affiliated with the Yale Child Study Center of the Yale University School of Medicine and UCONN Health Center. At any given time it has six Psychiatry Residents and one Forensic Child and Adolescent Resident. It draws applicants from Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Columbia and Cornell among others. In the past 25 years Riverview Hospital has trained 65 child psychiatrists and 50 child psychologists. Most of the child and adolescent psychiatrists serving at DCF facilities including Riverview Hospital, CCP and High Meadows were trained at Riverview Hospital. In addition to child and adolescent residents, Riverview graduates two Post Doctoral Child and Adolescent Fellows every year in collaboration with Yale. Riverview Hospital also provides graduate social worker internships with UCONN School of Social Work, Springfield College, SCSU and Fordham and is making arrangements to expand the program to Smith College and Boston University. The Hospital also provides internships for Quinnipiac College's School for Occupational Therapy.
- Riverview Hospital is an 88 bed facility. For FY09, the average daily census was 69.14; 235 children received services at Riverview over the past year.
- Admissions to Riverview Hospital are reviewed by an (ASO) Administrative Service Organization (a "gate-keeper"). Children and youth are admitted by 15 day physician certification, court ordered evaluations, restoration to competency, discharges from general hospitals and psychiatric/residential placements and by voluntary admission
- Over the last few years, labor and management at Riverview have markedly improved their relationship, working cooperatively to improve quality of care and performance. The results include **significant decreases in the average length of stay, in child injuries, in readmissions, in workers' comp lost time claims and in staff injuries.**