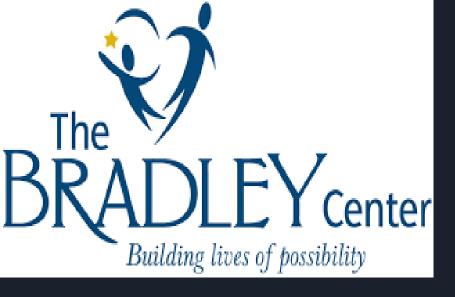
The Bradley Center

Psychology Practicum Photo Tour



The Bradley Center is a residential treatment facility for children who struggle with mental illness, trauma, or behavioral issues.

It is a place where children can get the structure and treatment to learn and grow and live a more positive life.

They are also family focused and include the child's family in the treatment plan whenever they are able to do so.

This helps the parents learn how to help their child and prepares the family and the resident for when they leave *The Bradley Center*.

Mission, Vision, and Values

- Mission: The Bradley Center is committed to improving the lives of children and families affected by trauma, mental illness, and behavioral issues.
- Vision: Based on our cornerstone values of compassion, stability, and structure, *Bradley Center* children receive the behavioral tools they need to change their own lives for the better.
- Values: Guidance, compassion, and help make good decisions

Units



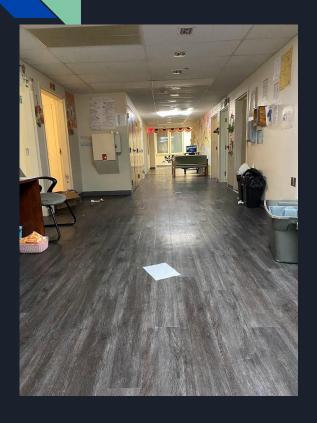
Imprints & Impressions entrance

The Bradley Center comprises four different units. These units hold different age or gender groups or meet specific needs of children.

The units are made up of a lobby area that have two hallways leading from it. Each hallway has many bedrooms attached and holds a different group of children based on age or gender.

When joining the team, you have a choice of which unit you would like to be on but when you are PRN (pro re nata) there is a chance you may work the other units as well as help fill call-offs or gaps in the schedule.

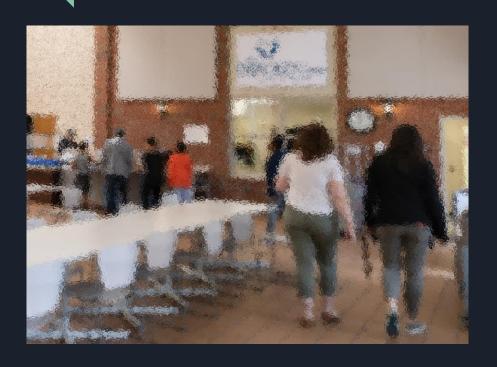
Units



- Imprints / Impressions-
 - Children of younger ages (8-12) would be down the Imprints hallway. Girls of the preteen and teen years (12-15) are down the impressions hallway.
- Discovery-
 - This is where most of the male residents go. Hallway A consists of younger boys about 11-15 years of age and on hall B are the residents that are about 15 years of age and up
- Insights-
 - This is the unit where the lower functioning residents stay.
 Hallway A is the boys hallway and hallway B is girls.
- Expressions-
 - This is where most of the female residents go. Hallway A consists of the younger females while hallway B consists the older females.

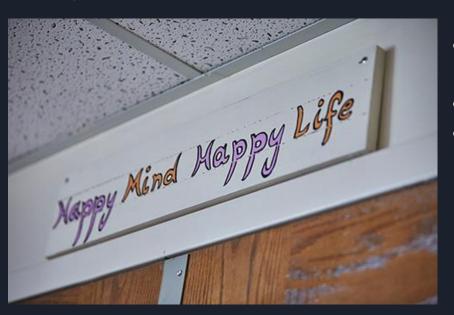
It is important to note that the age ranges can change, these ranges are based off of the population currently.

Daily Morning Routines



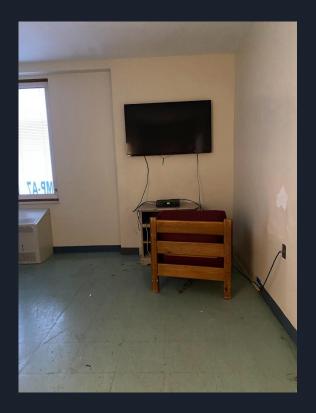
- Wake up is 8:30 on weekends. The first things residents do is take their medications.
- They then complete morning routines
 - Room care
 - Hygiene
 - Showers
- Then they have lunch around 11:30 pm (depending on the unit)
- Anytime there is not a scheduled activity, they have free time to do activities such as art, games, etc.

Child Development Specialist Morning Duties



- Wake up and making sure residents take medication and complete morning routines.
- Complete documents throughout the shifts.
- Redirect the residents from negative behaviors, keep the environment safe, deescalate a child having a crisis, restraints, processing with a child going through a crisis or after a crisis.

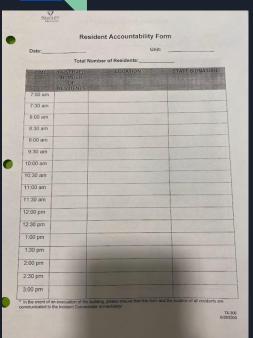
Child Development Specialist Evening Duties

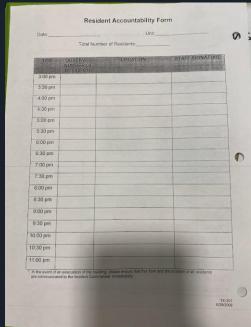


- Preparing dinner and serving dinner on the unit on weekends
- Doing activities with residents
- Redirect the residents from negative behaviors, keep the environment safe, de-escalate a child having a crisis, restraints, processing with a child going through a crisis or after a crisis.

TV lounge for residents to occupy their time during free time

Accountability Form

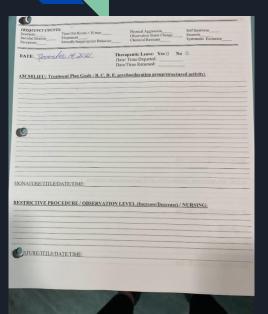


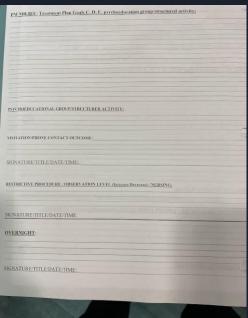


This is something staff has to fill out throughout the shift.

It states how many residents are on the hall as a whole. We have to state where residents are (unit, computers, etc.) so if we need to evacuate the building, we know where the residents are if they are off the unit with staff. This is also for incase there is any issues where staff needs to know if kids left the unit throughout the day or not.

Resident Shift Note





The resident shift note is where staff has to document what the resident did throughout the day.

Some examples would be whether they ate breakfast, took their meds, or participated in activities or not.

It is also important to note what the residents behaviors where like and if they were in any restraints.

At the end of the day, overnight staff will read through the notes and count how many of the different categories the resident did in the day (such as restraints).

These documents are important for the therapists and for the residents intake. It documents if the resident is improving in behaviors and if the resident did the things they needed to throughout the day.

Programming for Impressions





During the shift, if a resident is not meeting expectations they are dropped a "level" (green, yellow, or red). They are allowed to use DVD players, watch TV, and go off the unit when they are on green. On yellow, they can utilize the TV cart but are not allowed in the TV lounge. They are also not allowed to leave the unit for off unit activities. When they are on red, they are not allowed to leave their room and they have to complete a packet to help them process why they are on red. Red can last from four hours to twenty-four hours depending on the behavior.

Programming for Impressions



Since impressions consists of older children, we try to have them be more independent in the way of taking care of their own things.

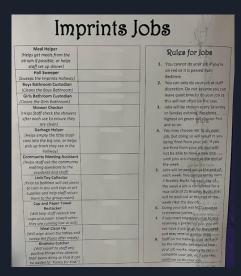
One way we do this is allowing them to do their own laundry on their scheduled laundry day.

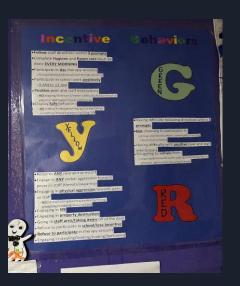
This helps them learn responsibility and time management.

Programming for Imprints







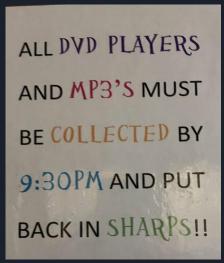


The Imprints programming is very similar to the Impressions programming. They have the same green, yellow, red system. They also have jobs where they can earn currency to spend at the stop-n-shop on the unit. This includes toys, puzzles, and there was even inflatable chairs for their rooms at one point. It is an incentive to help the residents learn responsibility. If a resident repeatedly does not do their job then they are "fired" and cannot earn unit currency this way.

Programming for both <u>Imprints</u> & <u>Impressions</u>







Both halls are held to the same expectation when it comes to contraband. They get room time if contraband is found and the contraband is taken away (unless it is hygiene products, then it is put back into the hygiene closet). They can also receive aggression free ice cream which is run by leadership every sunday. This is an incentive to encourage the residents to not be aggressive. If they get into any restraints, have verbal or physical aggression then they do not earn ice cream.

Activities







- The Bradley Center has music therapists, art therapists, and activity specialists.
- Music Therapy changes throughout the year. Typically the residents get to sing, dance, and play instruments and all around have a positive time.
- Art therapy can differ each session also.
 One example is when the art therapists
 asked residents to draw their fears and then
 ask them to make their scary drawings into
 something goofy and positive. As staff, I
 would participate to help encourage the
 residents to take the activity seriously.

Activities







The residents have activities they can do off unit if they are on level. The activities include:

- Computers
- Gym
- Backyard
- Splash pad
- Sometimes even just walking around the building

Overall Experience

I feel as though my experience at the *Bradley Center* was worthwhile. During this time, I feel I have learned a lot about working in a residential facility and how the things learned at RMU are important in the psychology field. I got to apply a lot of my learnings to the internship and I feel like I was better prepared than if I were to work there without the knowledge I have gained from RMU. The highlight of my internship was the ability to see how much people can change when put into a supportive environment. Seeing a child that was once awful to have interactions with become one of the best kids on the unit and get discharged is what makes the job worth it.

For future students who would like to internship at the *Bradley Center*, I would say to be prepared for a stressful environment. That you always have to be aware of your surroundings for the safety of the residents but more importantly the safety of yourself. It is a great experience if you are looking into working with children and want the experience of a residential treatment facility.