



SENIOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL

At our Senior Behavioral Health Program, we prioritize streamlining the referral process to ensure it is as easy and hassle-free as possible for our patients and their families. Recognizing the time-consuming nature of referrals, we have implemented efficient systems and dedicated staff to facilitate seamless transitions. From providing clear guidance on documentation requirements to offering assistance in completing necessary paperwork, we strive to alleviate the burden on individuals seeking our services. Our goal is to make the referral process straightforward and accessible, allowing seniors and their caregivers to focus on the essential aspects of their healthcare journey without unnecessary obstacles or delays.

Inpatient Referrals

We provide free clinical evaluations to help determine the level of treatment needed and to determine if our program is suitable for your patient. When making a referral from a hospital, nursing home, or assisted living facility:

- A **Patient Referral Form** is needed & can be found on our website.
- Call **620-724-7399**, and inform staff that you will be filling out the Patient Referral Form and faxing it to 620-724-5187, along with:
 - Face sheet
 - Medical DPOA/Guardianship
 - Advanced Directive/Living Will
 - Current MAR/TAR
 - H&P
 - Most recent labs
 - Doctor's order for psych eval/hospitalization
 - Behavioral notes
 - COVID-19 test results done within 24 hours of admission to GMC/SBH.



A minute with Mike

MIKE WILLIS, OUTREACH COORDINATOR, THERAPIST

National Healthcare Decisions Day, observed on April 16th, is a crucial reminder of the importance of advanced directives and powers of attorney for the elderly, especially those with dementia. These legal documents empower individuals to designate a trusted person to make medical decisions on their behalf if they become unable to do so themselves. For seniors facing cognitive decline, such as those with dementia, having a power of attorney in place is vital as it ensures timely and informed healthcare decisions aligning with their wishes. The absence of these documents can lead to delays and uncertainties in providing advanced care, emphasizing the critical need for early planning and decision-making discussions.

Outpatient Referrals

- Call **620-724-7399** and request Mike Willis or Beth Simpson

We will gather the required information and schedule / assess to determine whether the proposed patient fits the criteria for entering the program. If found appropriate, the patient will then be scheduled for an intake session with the psychiatrist and, soon after, begin participation in cognitive behavioral group therapy.

Referrals can be made by anyone.

- Self Referral
- Family members
- Primary Care Providers
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Assisted Living

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