

**Next Meeting with  
Consumers  
October 28, 2003  
DWCCMHA at  
Noon—6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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Ted Chipps, Editor

## **Persons Points of View**

--An E-Mail Bulletin from Customer Services reflecting what Consumers are doing and saying as well as news from the Agency

### **New Consumer Benefits**

# **Beacon ICR Up & Running!**

Persons may be pleased to learn that there is a new program to help youngsters with acute severe emotional disorders.

Opened this past April, the Beacon Intensive Crisis Residential (ICR) Program provides a secure environment short-term for adolescents. It is for teens—ages 13 to 17—that require 24-hour observation and intensive support for a short period normally reserved for a hospital setting. Average length of stay is 3-10 days.

The facility offers an alternative to hospitalization for teenagers who have not been successful in outpa-



**Beacon Intensive Crisis Residential Program is located in the Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner, Suite 2644, Detroit, Michigan. Number of Beds Available: 15. Beacon ICR is part of the Care-link Network.**

tient programs. These are youngsters who may pose harm to themselves or others, and who may have a destructive home environment.

Located on Detroit's east side, the Beacon Intensive

Crisis Residential Program has 15 beds and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It also holds two 23-hour beds for teens requiring medical monitoring to determine a diagnosis and appropriate level of care and referral.

Those who improve during their stay—but may not be ready to return to their home or other residential setting—can be transferred to the Bradley Residential Program at Samaritan Center for longer-term care in a residential setting.

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## Staffing and Services at the Beacon ICR Unit

The North East Guidance Center operates the Beacon Intensive Crisis Residential Unit through Beacon Behavioral Services. Directing operations are: (L to R) Sherry McRill, MA, LLP, Deputy Director, North East Guidance Center; Pat Henderson, MSN, Program Director, Beacon ICR; and David Harris, M.D., Medical Director, Beacon ICR.



## 24-Hour Medical Care

A multi-modal care team composed of mental health professionals and medical staff provide care focused on stabilizing the adolescent. Team Leader Ilene Shilingford-Truitt, R.N., BSN, discusses prescribed medication with teens staying in the unit.



**Beacon ICR**  
For More Information: (313) 579-9055 Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm.

## Group Therapy

Patrina G. Biondo, MSW, ACSW, conducts a girl's group therapy session to help stabilize residents.



Crisis Line: (313) 579-9004 Mon.-Fri., after 5 pm. and all day Sat.& Sun.

## Life Skills

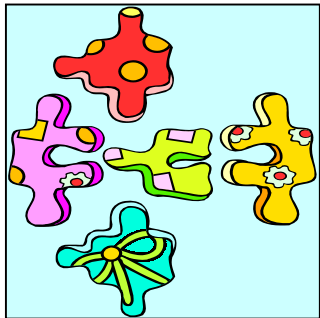
M. Edmondson, Mental Health Associate, works with a teen to determine his abilities and talents.



## Language Arts

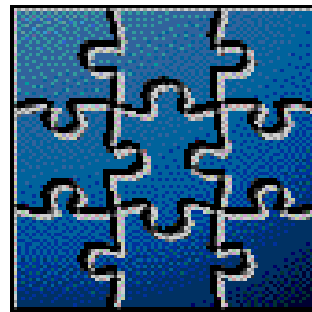
Louis Harrison, Special Education Teacher, sharpens the language skills of two residents.





## Pieces in a Puzzle

News, Upcoming Events, Pictures, Hopes and Wishes, Hodgepodge, Odds & Ends, Pop Corn, Pizza, and Other Good Stuff



### Can You Hear Me Now? **Communicating with Deaf or Hard of Hearing Persons**

Hearing Technology Resource Specialists (HTRS) Barbara Quart, Liz Kobylak and Brenda Simpson team up to produce a powerful two-hour demonstration on **Communicating with Your Hard of Hearing Consumers**. Combining a Powerpoint presentation with actual hands on Assistive Listening Devices, these volunteers—hard of hearing themselves—provide a lively and informative session on this important topic. Their presentation is free for groups of six or more. Club Houses and Service Providers can schedule demonstrations by e-mail to Barbara Quart at [bquart@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:bquart@co.wayne.mi.us).



The HTRS trio is pictured with members of Customer Services. Customer Services arranged for the HTRS demonstration to be presented to the entire Agency staff on September 18. Front row (L to R): Dr. Eunice Banks, Director of Customer Services, Barbara Quart, HTRS, and Pam Hyde-Shelton, Customer Services. Top row (L to R): Liz Kobylak, HTRS, Charles Mekar, Customer Services and Brenda Stimpson, HTRS. Note the Assistive Listening Devices displayed on the table.

### **NAMI: Campaign For The Mind of America**

The National Association for the Mentally Ill has designated October 5-11 as Mental Illness Awareness Week. Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is *MIAW Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day*. For more information, go to [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

