

## Facts about Murray Center

A 24 hours per day x 7 day per week x 52 week per year facility for fragile people.....

- 219 Current Number of Residents, with a potential capacity of up to 325
- 52 Average age of persons served (21-75 age range)
- 84% Severe or Profound M.R. range
- 95% Have a behavior intervention program, often requiring higher levels of staff supervision
- 51% Receive psychotropic medications

Location: Centralia (population approx. 15,000) - Clinton County is part of the “metro-east” region that also includes the counties of Madison/St. Clair and cities such as Belleville/Edwardsville. Access via I-57, I-64 and State Route 51. Daily Amtrak service.

Murray Developmental Center (MC) was initially opened in 1964. It provides a broad spectrum of individuals with behavioral and medical care. Murray Center’s campus consists of accessible, single-level building on 120 rolling acres. MC sits at the edge of Centralia and is within walking distance to restaurants and shopping. City sidewalks extend to the Center and local bus service is available. The campus has day program spaces, main dietary kitchen, mechanical department, central heating plant and clothing area. All campus buildings inter-connect with sidewalks and streets.

The living areas are separated into seven cottages. At the present time, two cottages are dedicated to behavioral needs, two for intense medical needs, one a blended use, one for activities, and one available for use. Each cottage has day areas, a dining room, kitchen, nurses station and laundry area. The cottages are interconnected with walking/biking paths and provide easy access to the community building.

The community building provides on-site activities during the day, evenings and weekends. The community building has a multi-use gymnasium where dances and programs are held in addition to social activities. The Career Beginnings Program is located here and provides training in a least restrictive environment for occupational skills. Murray has a ceramic’s shop, the Rain Forest Cafe, a Recycling Center and a heated, therapeutic swimming pool. Murray individuals also attend an off-campus workshop.

While many medical services are brought to the fragile residents, MC is served by St. Mary’s /Good Samaritan Hospital (SSM Health) with center and hospital having developed a successful, long-time partnership. In addition to medical and dental care, MC maintains a network of therapists (speech, physical, occupational). Telepsychiatry is also available for the the individuals. Most of the MC health care network has been built with great effort due to the lack of private providers and travel distances for residents and families. Daily dietary/nutrition planning and meal deliver is complex, yet essential as feeding tubes, allergies, swallowing, chewing, caloric intake and other individual needs are met.

MC benefits from strong community support and involvement from volunteer organizations such as the Murray Parents’ Association, Kaskaskia College, Centralia High School, foster grandparents, visiting minister and others. A house on the property is used to host family visits, birthdays and other activities.

Murray Center complies with all CMS, Illinois Public Health and other Federal Standards.