

Healing Begins Here.

A Campaign for Behavioral Health at Riverside



We are transforming the spaces where healing begins — modernizing Riverside's inpatient behavioral health units, expanding community care programs, and investing in the next generation of providers for our region.

At Riverside Healthcare, we believe that mental health is an essential part of overall healthcare.



KEY STATISTICS

70 Counties

Illinois counties served through inpatient behavioral health services in 2025

330+ Zip Codes

Geographic reach of Riverside's inpatient behavioral health care

64 Beds

Current inpatient behavioral health capacity across adolescent, adult, and geriatric units

12 Residents

Active psychiatry residents in Riverside's education and workforce pipeline

85%

Percent of patients reside in Kankakee County



Caring for the Whole Person

At some point in life, nearly every family is touched by mental health challenges.

It may look like anxiety behind a familiar smile. A teenager who has quietly withdrawn. A parent carrying more than they can manage alone. A neighbor battling addiction, grief, or emotional exhaustion. A senior navigating loss while facing the invisible weight of depression.

These experiences often happen in silence, behind closed doors, and far closer to home than many of us realize.

At Riverside Healthcare, we believe that mental health is not separate from healthcare. It is an essential part of caring for the whole person — and it deserves the same commitment, investment, and compassion as any other dimension of health.

Every day, Riverside teams provide care for children, adolescents, adults, seniors, and families navigating some of life's most vulnerable moments. Across inpatient, outpatient, school-based, and community settings, Riverside continues to expand access to behavioral healthcare throughout our region.

*In 2025 alone, Riverside's inpatient behavioral health services cared for patients from **70 Illinois counties** and more than **330 zip codes**. For many individuals and families — particularly in rural communities — Riverside represents access to specialized care that may not otherwise exist nearby.*

Why Now



Behavioral healthcare is one of the defining challenges of our time. Across the country, communities are experiencing growing needs while many healthcare organizations face difficult decisions: staffing shortages, aging facilities, and limited capacity.

At a time when many systems are reducing behavioral health services, Riverside Healthcare is making the most significant behavioral health investment in our region's history. This moment represents a long-term commitment to access, innovation, dignity, and community well-being.

Riverside's Full Continuum of Services

- Board-certified psychiatrists on staff
- Inpatient behavioral health services for adolescents, adults, and geriatric patients
- Child and adolescent Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHP)
- Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) for all ages
- Addiction and dual-diagnosis treatment services
- Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism
- School liaison and prevention programs
- Community-based case management and intervention services
- Psychiatry residency education and workforce development

No family should face a behavioral health crisis alone. And healing should not require leaving your community.



A Vision for the Future of Behavioral Health

The Riverside Healthcare Foundation is supporting a transformational Behavioral Health Campaign focused on expanding access to care, modernizing inpatient behavioral health spaces, strengthening outpatient and community-based services, and investing in the people and programs that make healing possible.

Modernize Inpatient Spaces

Renovate the 64-bed inpatient facility across three phases, adding private rooms, therapeutic environments, de-escalation areas, and safety-centered design throughout adolescent, adult, and geriatric units.

Strengthen the Continuum of Care

Expand outpatient, school-based, and community programs that keep patients connected to support beyond hospital walls — reducing barriers to care and building a true continuum from crisis through recovery.

Invest in the Future Workforce

Support the Psychiatry Residency Program and behavioral health training initiatives that grow the next generation of skilled, compassionate providers for our region.

- Behavioral health capital improvements and facility modernization
- Programmatic growth across the continuum of care
- Workforce development and psychiatric education
- Community outreach, prevention, and school-based support initiatives
- Expanded access to specialized treatment programs
- Resources that improve patient dignity, safety, healing, and long-term outcomes

This campaign is about more than construction. It is about creating spaces designed for healing. Giving adolescents care in environments built for their needs. Helping families access treatment right where they live. Supporting seniors with dignity. Helping individuals stabilize, recover, reconnect, and move forward.

Modernizing Inpatient Behavioral Healthcare

Riverside Medical Center currently operates a 64-bed inpatient behavioral health department with dedicated adolescent, adult, and geriatric units. Many of these spaces were originally built decades ago and no longer fully support the evolving needs of modern behavioral healthcare delivery.

Through a multi-phase renovation and expansion initiative, Riverside will reimagine its inpatient behavioral health footprint to better support patient care, privacy, safety, and operational flexibility.



Three-Phase Renovation Plan

PHASE I 20 Beds • New Layout

Adult Unit
A new 20-bed adult layout featuring 14 private rooms and three double-occupancy rooms, designed for modern therapeutic care and patient dignity.

PHASE II Two Units Renovated

Adolescent & Geriatric Units
Updated inpatient spaces supporting adolescents and seniors with diagnosis-appropriate care areas, private rooms, and enhanced therapeutic environments.

PHASE III Expanded Capacity

Adult Expansion
Additional private adult patient rooms designed to reduce regional transfers and significantly improve access to inpatient behavioral healthcare.

Planned Improvements Expanded Private Patient Rooms

- Specialized treatment spaces
- Quiet and de-escalation areas
- Improved patient observation and safety design
- Enhanced interdisciplinary care environments
- Updated infrastructure and patient-centered healing spaces

Because in moments of crisis, environment matters. Privacy matters. Compassion matters. Healing begins in spaces where patients feel safe, supported, and treated with dignity.

Supporting Patients Beyond Hospital Walls

Riverside's behavioral health commitment extends far beyond inpatient care. Across the community, Riverside teams are helping individuals and families access support earlier, reduce barriers to care, and remain connected to services right where they live.

Outpatient & Day Treatment Programs

Riverside's Programs at Pathways provide Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) for children, adolescents, and adults requiring structured behavioral healthcare while continuing to live at home. These programs support patients transitioning from inpatient care or seeking intervention before hospitalization becomes necessary.

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy

Riverside's ABA Clinic provides evidence-based therapy for children ages three to eight with autism spectrum disorder, offering local access to specialized care that previously required many families to travel significant distances.

Addiction & Dual Diagnosis Services

Riverside's addiction and dual-diagnosis programs provide medication-assisted treatment, therapy, and wraparound services for individuals navigating substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. Through partnerships with the judicial system and community organizations, Riverside also supports individuals in Mental Health Court and Drug Court programs.

Community-Based Initiatives

- School Liaison & Prevention Programs
- Summer Bridge Programming for At-Risk Youth
- Glenn's Guardian Angel Fund
- Building Blocks Case Management Program
- Mobile Behavioral Health Toolkits
- Crisis Intervention Partnerships with First Responders and Law Enforcement



Strengthening the Future Workforce



Behavioral healthcare access depends not only on facilities and programs — it depends on trained, compassionate professionals. Riverside continues investing in workforce development through its Psychiatry Residency Program, behavioral health education initiatives, EMT and mental health technician training programs, and interdisciplinary partnerships.

Riverside's Psychiatry Residency Program currently includes 12 residents and serves as an important pipeline for the future behavioral health workforce. Investing in education today ensures patients have access to skilled providers for generations to come.

The Impact of Your Investment

When donors invest in Riverside's Behavioral Health Campaign, the impact is immediate and lasting. Philanthropy makes possible what operating budgets alone cannot achieve.



70 Counties

Riverside inpatient behavioral health served patients from across Illinois in 2025 alone



330+ Zip Codes

Geographic reach of Riverside's inpatient behavioral health care



64 Beds

Current inpatient behavioral health capacity — all undergoing planned renovation and expansion



12 Residents

Active psychiatry residents trained through Riverside's education pipeline



3 Phases

Renovation plan to modernize every inpatient behavioral health unit

The Riverside Healthcare Foundation plays a vital role in advancing behavioral healthcare across the region. Philanthropic support makes possible what operating budgets alone cannot achieve.

- Expand and modernize behavioral health spaces
- Invest in patient-centered healing environments
- Strengthen access to inpatient and outpatient services
- Advance community-based prevention and intervention programs
- Reduce barriers to care for underserved populations
- Support workforce development and psychiatric education
- Provide resources that improve dignity, comfort, and long-term healing

Together, we can create spaces of healing.
we can strengthen access to care.
we can invest in hope, dignity, and recovery.

President's Message



"Riverside has never been content to simply treat illness. We have always believed in caring for the whole person, and behavioral health is as essential to that mission as any other dimension of care.

In nearly 40 years at Riverside, I have watched this community grow, and I have seen firsthand what it means for a family to find the care they need close to home, and what it costs when they cannot. This campaign is our commitment to make sure no one in our region has to face a behavioral health crisis alone.

Your investment will transform the spaces where healing happens, strengthen the programs families count on, and build the workforce our region needs for generations to come. This work matters. And your partnership makes it possible."

Phillip M. Kambic, MBA, LHD, FACHE
President and CEO, Riverside Healthcare

How Your Investment Makes a Difference

Capital & Facility Modernization

Fund the renovation of inpatient units, private rooms, therapeutic spaces, and healing environments across all three phases.

Programmatic Growth

Support outpatient, school-based, and community programs that extend Riverside's reach beyond hospital walls.

Workforce Development

Invest in the Psychiatry Residency Program and training initiatives that build the future behavioral health workforce.

Community Outreach

Fund prevention, early intervention, and school-based support programs that reduce barriers to care across the region.



*Because every person deserves access to compassionate care.
Every family deserves support. And every community deserves hope right where you live.*

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