

N 310: MILIEU PROJECT

Clinical Area Assessment Tool for Milieu Project

Agency: Pavilion

Unit: youth

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Milieu Assessment: Overall, milieu is fitting for this type of environment. This is a temporary situation & doesn't have to be very personalized. The hectic/busy environment doesn't permit growth & change. Also, seeing bad behaviors may encourage others to join in.

Physical Layout: open hallways with cream colored walls make the environment seem open. There are multiple pictures & decor hung up. There isn't much natural light & doors do not have windows. Nurses station is centrally located. cracked floor.

Lighting, color, décor: Soft, yellow lighting. variety of pictures used. Many from nature. eye-catching

Pace, activity level: during group/meal time pace & activity is very calm & quiet. when clients are on the unit is very hectic & loud. It would be hard for someone to relax in this environment.

Emotional atmosphere: Not a good emotional atmosphere. very unpleasant & unwelcoming. Nothing is personalized. Clients are unable to bring items from home which can bring negative emotions.

Factors that are contributing to the emotional atmosphere: very little natural light, unpersonalized, unwelcoming, not being able to bring items from home like clothes & hygiene supplies.

Typical clients who use this service:

Age: (average and range) 12-17 years of age

Gender: neutral

Cultures: Diverse

Socioeconomic status: lower-middle class
not so poor

Education level: middle school
5th-8th grade

Reading ability:

~~10th~~ 10th - 8th grade reading level

Communication ability:

poor communication skills. Unable to express themselves appropriately.

Reasons for using

this agency/service?

Behavioral issues/family issues
suicidal ideations

They use profanity & sexual references often.

What could a nurse do to improve the milieu today on this unit? (Use extra pages if necessary)

play soft music
use natural light
cleaner environment
more colors in the hallway could be appealing

What needs are being focused on by the staff? (Physical, vocational, social, spiritual, emotional, etc.)

Staff mainly focus on basic needs. Such as safety & physical needs. During group time, emotional needs are addressed & discussed. Safety is the most important aspect of the pavilion. In times of suicidal ideations/emotional issues staff are put w/ the patient on a 1:1 basis. When this happens needs can be met on a more individualized basis.