

Nurturing Recovery

The new facility is a fitting tribute to Dr. Peter Bryce, a visionary in the field of mental health, who oversaw the building of the original Bryce.

The Alabama Legislature first approved the establishment of the Alabama Insane Hospital in 1852 under the urging of well-known advocate for the mentally ill, Dorothea Dix. At the age of 26, Dr. Bryce was named as the first superintendent. After his death the hospital was renamed Bryce Hospital in his honor.

He insisted on the "moral treatment" philosophy for the care of the mentally ill, providing gentle, quiet and respectful environments and therapies.

Just before his death, Dr. Bryce said, "I feel that I have done my work, and hope, without self-praise, to be permitted to say that I have done it well."

Today, the staff at Bryce Hospital continue to strive for excellence in the delivery of care to all clients.



This spectacularly beautiful lighting is in the Recovery town area



While family visitation and participation in the care and treatment of our consumers will continue to be encouraged, visiting hours have changed to avoid interference with treatment activities.

Monday- Thursday; visits are by appointment only and must be scheduled with the Program Director. (see contact info inside)

Friday; 3:30- 8 PM

Weekends and Holidays; 9-11 AM and 3:30- 8 PM

Items allowed to be brought in will still be restricted for the safety of all the individuals being treated.

Directions:

East from DCH Hospital on University Blvd (Hwy 216), turn left onto Helen Keller Blvd at the traffic light; and take the first right onto Ruby Tyler Parkway. Follow the drive and turn right at the white stucco pillars.

West from Birmingham, I-20/59 Coaling exit, stay on University Boulevard, cross the small bridge just past Alberta Baptist Church. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Helen Keller Blvd and take another right onto Ruby Tyler Parkway. Follow the drive and turn right at the white stucco pillars.

BRYCE HOSPITAL
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Bryce Hospital



*Established in 1853
Relocated in 2014*

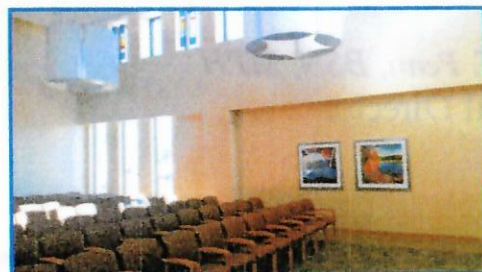
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The 260,000-plus square foot facility sits on the campus that once housed the Partlow Developmental Center.

The design of the new Bryce Hospital is based on the input of many individuals, including consumers, staff and professional designers, with the intent of producing a hospital that incorporates best practices and methods for a therapeutic environment.

The new Bryce boasts a chapel adorned with stained glass salvaged from the original chapel, a large gym, a vocational training area, and classrooms for the educational and therapy programs designed to help consumers progress in their Recovery.

Unlike the original Bryce, which was spread out over several different structures, the new Bryce is housed under a single roof line. This design increases the security and safety of those receiving services.



There are three treatment programs, each developed to meet the needs of the individuals being served.

The Recovery Care Program (205-507-8550)

The Phase II Recovery Care Program (205-507-8750)

The Transitional Care Program (205-507-8950)

Each unit has access to landscaped courtyards and patio areas furnished with seating for socialization and relaxation, as well as basketball courts for exercise. Three spacious dining rooms will provide cafeteria services with large windows overlooking garden areas.

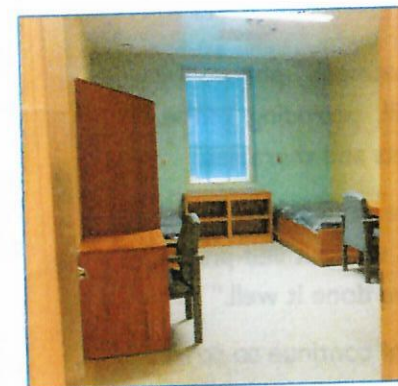
A canteen, a clothing store, a barber/beauty shop, a library, a bank and recreation areas are placed at the heart of the facility, forming a "town" where consumers reach higher levels of functioning and prepare for assimilation into the larger community.

Units are manned by licensed nurses and trained paraprofessional nursing staff.



Treatment team members have nearby offices for ease of accessibility. Each unit has a laundry room, a quiet room, a comfort room, comfortably furnished day areas and recreation areas.

The unit housing the deaf clients, includes unique built-in features such as a visual alerts, visual attention lights, video phones and other deaf-friendly technology.



Consumers will reside in single or double rooms equipped with nightstand, desk, chair and wardrobe.

Walk-in showers are part of the private bathrooms.