

THSMF FAMILY TIMES



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 9/03: Labor Day
- 9/05: National Cheese Pizza Day
- 9/06: Read a Book Day
- 9/09: International Grandparents Day
- 9/13: National Peanut Day
- 9/19: International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 9/22: Elephant Appreciation Day
- 9/23: First Day of Autumn

- Your comments are important to us. Next time you visit, please take a few moments to fill out a "Family/Friend Questionnaire." The questionnaires are on yellow paper and are kept in a wood holder in our lobby. If you need assistance locating one, let us know and we will help you out. The questionnaire has twelve questions and will only take a few minutes to complete. Your feedback helps us to improve on what we do and how we do it.

It's football time in T-Town!! These are the home games for September. Please remember traffic is heavy and delays should be expected if traveling for visitation.

- 9/8: Arkansas at 2:30PM
- 9/22: Texas A&M – Time TBA
- 9/29: Louisiana – Time TBA



Rights Highlight:

This month we are focusing on the right of **disclosure of services available**. After being admitted to THSMF, you should be informed of the cost of care and services you will receive. You will be advised of any expenses not provided for by the Facility during your stay. It is the policy of THSMF that patients shall have a right to quality, individualized treatment and adequate humane services which are adequate for their needs, regardless of source(s) of financial support. Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility will provide psychiatric and medical services required to meet the obligations of the court and to ensure the safety and security of the patient without cost. Elective services will be the responsibility of the patient and/or family.

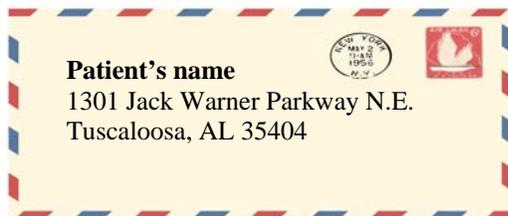
Our Annual Patient and Family Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Friday, December 14th. Additional information will be mailed out in the coming weeks.

Family Education classes meet from 10 – 11:30 a.m. on the 3rd Friday in February, March, May, June, August, September, and November. The Advocacy Meeting is held in January, April, July, and October at the same time. Visitation begins at 11:30AM for those attending the meetings.

Our Family Education Class is all about providing education and support to you – our families. We want you to feel comfortable to come to class, to ask questions or to just sit quietly and listen. We use different tools (handouts, videos, discussion) during the classes to provide the best learning environment. We want to help you learn more about mental health and THSMF.

Sending Mail?

Effective 8/1/18, no personal items (hygiene, clothing, phone cards, etc.) may be sent to patients directly from family. You may send money (**check or money order only**) to your loved one (relative only) and they may purchase canteen items or request to purchase items allowed on their program through THSMF staff. **Cash will not be accepted via mail.** Please speak with the social worker if you have questions.



If you have any questions or concerns about your loved one's care & treatment, safety, or a medical condition that may require immediate assessment or care, please let staff know immediately.



Have a question or comment about the newsletter? Contact Lori Ellard, LICSW by phone at 205-462-4650 or by email at Lori.Ellard@hardin.mh.alabama.gov



Visitation Reminders:

- All visitors must be pre-approved.
- One drink item and one food item only and both items must be purchased from the THSMF vending machines.
- Bring pictured identification if over the age of 16.
- No cell phones, umbrellas, coats, bags, tobacco products, weapons, lighters, allowed.
- You will be asked to clear the metal detector prior to entering the visitation area
- Once entering the visitation area, you will not be allowed to exit and re-enter.
- Special visits must be requested at least seven days in advance of the desired visit date.

Passing unacceptable items to a patient at Taylor Hardin is "promoting contraband", and can be illegal, just as it would be in jail. Unacceptable items include tobacco, tobacco products, cash, lighters, medications, street drugs, money (including coins), pens and other sharp items, alcohol, cell phones, and anything else labeled as contraband.

Any visitor who assists or attempts to assist in escape plans, schemes for creating disorder, or passes or attempts to pass any unacceptable item will not be allowed further visits and **will** be subject to criminal action.