

# Forest-Warren Mental Wellness Association

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## Fairweather Lodge

A Fairweather Lodge offers supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and or substance abuse. This can be both short and long-term depending on the needs of the individual. There are two lodges, a five bedroom home for men and a four bedroom home for women, themed at sharing common bonds of companionship and responsibility. These Lodges are managed by its members while the staff serves in an advisory role, available in emergencies with onsite staffing being very limited.

The Lodge Program is interdependent in that it utilizes the skills and strengths of each individual to create a family style living environment. The Lodge functions as a group, which can lead to the member's potential standard of living being greatly improved by adding companionship, shared expenses and mutual support for recovery. The concept of the Fairweather Lodge has been in existence since the early 1960's and continues to prove that individuals with mental illness can be productive members of society especially when given the opportunity to make their own decisions about the path they will take on their road to recovery.

The Fairweather Lodge model also includes an employment component, with the understanding that participation in gainful employment supports mental health recovery.

## House Support

The House Support program provides transportation and skill building for consumers, who are engaged in mental health services through Beacon-Light Behavioral Health Systems in Forest or Warren counties. Consumers, who have no reliable means of transportation, can utilize this service to enable them to attend various appointments with health care providers or with other services systems with whom they are engaged. The program also helps consumers to access other services in the community such as banking and shopping for necessities and food.

The House Support program operates during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exceptions to these hours can be made during special circumstances, such as a medical appointment outside the immediate area.

The program is staffed by consumers, who themselves are working on their personal recovery from mental illness. Four part-time staff utilize three vehicles to provide transportation. The goal of the service is to help consumers to ensure they are attending critical appointments that can in turn help them to manage their own recovery process.

## Representative Payee

The Representative Payee program provides financial management for individuals needing assistance to manage their Social Security payments. This program is provided to individuals at their request, when a suitable family member or friend is not available to assist the consumer, and after the Social Security Administration deems an individual unable to manage their own funds.

## Drop-In Center

The Drop-In Center is a service available to consumers from the community and Warren State Hospital. It is designed to promote recovery and reintegration into community living. Consumers may choose to attend the Drop-in Center at any time during hours of operation. The social environment of the Drop-In Center is designed to engage individuals with peers in their own recovery from mental illness.

The Drop-In Center is staffed by part-time employees, who facilitates socialization, therapeutic recreation and some structured community activities.

The Drop-In Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Community Based Care Management

This program seeks to support and empower individuals in self-determination, increase access to resources in their communities in lieu of moving through a system that could increase the level of care without diversion. Individuals must be enrolled in Community Care Behavioral Health and work with resources to support them with the various social determinates of health to decrease the need for increased levels of care when applicable.

## Recovery Assistance

The Recovery Assistance Program provides transportation and skill building for consumers, who are engaged in mental health services through Beacon-Light Behavioral Health Systems in Forest or Warren counties. Consumers, who have no reliable means of transportation, can utilize this service to enable them to attend various appointments with health care providers or with other services systems with whom they are engaged.

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## Forest-Warren Mental Wellness Association Mission Statement

*The Forest-Warren Mental Wellness Association is dedicated to providing support for people in recovery from serious mental illness, reducing stigma that is commonly attached to mental illness, and to being a leader for community integration and education on mental illness.*

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