Glenwood Resource Center

Background
Glenwood Resource Center, operated by the Department of Human Services (DHS), provides a wide range of treatment and habilitation services for individuals with severe intellectual disabilities. In addition, Glenwood provides outreach services to support individuals with intellectual disabilities in the community. The goal of the State Resource Centers is to support individuals to live in the community of their choice. Glenwood Resource Center was built during the Civil War as a home for orphaned children of Civil War veterans. In 1876, Glenwood evolved into the Iowa Asylum for Feebleminded Children before becoming the Glenwood State Hospital in 1911 and finally, the Glenwood Resource Center in 2000.

Individuals Served
Glenwood Resource Center serves 200 individuals with severe intellectual disabilities, most of whom have a dual diagnosis of mental illness. According to the DHS, a typical individual at Glenwood has an intellectual disability and an additional co-occurring condition, such as an eating and chewing disorder (dysphagia); ingesting inedible objects; self-injurious or assaultive behaviors; or other severe health and behavioral difficulties, including sexual offending. Individuals who are admitted to Glenwood have typically gone through multiple community-based providers and have not been able to find one that can meet their needs.

Services Provided
Glenwood Resource Center is an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/ID) and provides a wide variety of treatment and support to help prepare individuals to move into an appropriate community-based living setting. The DHS uses a multidisciplinary team to provide an integrated service approach. The team includes: the individual, the individual’s family/guardian, local county or DHS staff, direct support professionals, a psychologist, a psychology assistant, a social worker, an occupational therapist, a speech/language pathologist, a physical therapist, an audiologist, a vocational/day program specialist, a leisure specialist, a dietitian, a nurse, a physician, a pharmacist, a psychiatrist, and a dental assistant.

Funding
The majority of the Glenwood budget is funded through the Medicaid program. The annual budget is approximately $76.9 million. Of this, 21.6% is from the State General Fund, 52.2% is federal funding, 23.6% is other funding sources, and 2.6% is client participation.

More Information
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Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters 135C and 222
Iowa Administrative Code 441—28 and 441—30

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