

Rethinking Behavioral Healthcare Environments

CREATING A PATIENT-CENTRIC DESIGN –

Research into Behavioral Healthcare facilities indicates that layout, design and structure has a positive effect on patient outcomes. It is believed that interior design can accelerate the healing process through enhanced self-esteem of the individual and increased caregiver productivity. Healthcare facilities are shifting design to put emphasis on the individual's comfort and independence. The objective is to create a therapeutic space that feel less institutional and more like home, without sacrificing the fundamentals of safety and security. In the context of furnishings, this means utilizing innovative designs that provide an appropriate balance of safety, durability and aesthetics. This is achieved by combining warm, inviting color palettes with residential furniture designs while keeping focused on the safety and security of patients, staff and guests.

In order to adapt to this growing trend toward better design for mental health, Stance Healthcare offers multiple collections of coordinating patient room furniture and products that enhance the comfort and independence of the resident. These Heavy-duty furniture products from Stance were developed in consultation with psychiatric facilities for safety and durability. Furniture for behavioral health applications must promote the goals of therapy. As a result, products are designed with residential appeal to reinforce, not undermine, the self-esteem of the individual.

