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Acadia Hospital: *Project Inspiration*



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Working at Acadia has been one of the most, if not the most, significant thing that has occurred in my life that defines who I am as an individual.

I started working at Acadia Hospital in August, 1992 (Charter Member), at a time in my life when I was dealing with a very difficult teenager with substance abuse issues. If it were not for the support and expertise of those working at Acadia, I honestly believe I could have not gotten through that period in my life.

Some of you may or may not know, I worked here for the first eight years as an Inpatient Support Specialist (then referred to as Unit Coordinator) on the Adolescent Unit. I left for a brief period of time (16 months) to work at a physical therapy clinic. I just want to go on record as saying . . . the grass is NOT greener on the other side. I was miserable! When the opportunity presented itself, I returned to Acadia in a combined role of Unit Coordinator/Administrative Secretary for the Child & Adolescent units, later being promoted to Senior Inpatient Support Specialist.

Currently I serve as the Administrative Secretary to Marcia Bean for POU/ECT/Hep C/Medical Services. I find this newest position the most challenging and rewarding. My favorite part thus far has been my role in assisting in the opening of the new observation unit, which I believe will be a great asset to our community. It's hard to believe, but I have been at Acadia Hospital another eight years, and looking forward to many more years with this organization.

Folks often ask me, "How can you work at Acadia?" I always tell them this is the healthiest place I have ever worked. I never feel like I dread coming to work. It is very much about TEAMWORK at Acadia, and the vision of our Administration is what keeps us on the cutting edge. Additionally, a reason why I appreciate working so much at Acadia Hospital is the teaching/mentoring that I receive from my supervisor.

Now that I'm a little older, and raising a grandchild with behavioral issues, it is again very helpful to be in a place where resources are available and have the wonderful support of my peers.

The bottom line is . . . people at Acadia truly care about their work and the quality of care that they provide for their clients. It is an honor and a privilege to work for this organization.

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