

One of five remaining State Operated psychiatric facilities, Richmond State Hospital is located in East Central Indiana near the Ohio border. Originally known as the Eastern Indiana Hospital for Insane, the hospital opened for patient admissions on August 4, 1890, and had 101 patients by the end of that year. The hospital was known locally as East Haven though it was never officially named this. The location is still referred to on the MapQuest site as East Haven if you put in the address 498 N.W. 18th Street, Richmond, Indiana.

http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Richmond&state=IN&address=498+NW+18th+St&zipcode=47374-2851&country=US&latitude=39.834813&longitude=84.926868&geocode=ADDRESS

A Farm and Garden Products Fiscal Year Report in the *100 Years at Richmond State Hospital* showed agriculture grown from oats, corn, wheat and barley to apples, green beans, beats, mangoes, and strawberries. Not counting livestock, there were a total of 42 different types of fruit and vegetables produced and harvested by the patients at the hospital that year.

In 1945, there were 188 employees caring for 1,755 patients (100 Years at Richmond State Hospital) as there was an acute personnel shortage due to the War.

The hospital's name was changed to Richmond State Hospital on May 16, 1927 (100 Years at Richmond State Hospital) and today has a 312 bed capacity and serves as an intensive inpatient treatment facility which treats adults with a range of disorders including serious emotional disturbances to mental retardation and developmental delay to chronic addictive disorders to serious emotional disturbances.

Persons seeking admission are to be screened through their local mental health center to determine appropriate placement and program. Local mental centers are the gatekeepers for admissions and refer persons who are in need of services and would most benefit from the programs available to Richmond State Hospital. No one is denied services due to a lack of financial resources.

The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) requiring participation in a performance measurement program which benchmarks consistency measures of critical indicators of performance and outcomes. http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/4325.htm Focus is on client recovery to facilitate transition from the hospital back to the community or other appropriate setting.

For further information on Richmond State Hospital, visit their site at http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/2614.htm