



Orika Chamberlain
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Bryan Psychiatric Hospital- Forensic Clinical Treatment Services

Orika Chamberlain is a 2017 Exceptional Employee Award recipient who continues to display exceptionalism. She is always prepared for her groups in advance and consults with the Forensic Treatment Services team on new ideas to further decrease recidivism of the population she serves. She maintains a meticulous log of goals for her patients, which she references each group to ensure that she is assisting them in achieving success upon discharge.

Ms. Chamberlain continually pushes the envelope with different ways of learning to get all her patients involved. Her high-energy and seamless knowledge has patients who are not assigned to her group wanting to just sit in. She brings great passion and care to this area that others typically shy away from. Her ability to connect to her patients in a real way keeps them coming back to her for guidance, which allows for immediate de-escalation, resulting in fewer altercations, and the ability to have patients practice the valuable skills she teaches. She is patients' "go to" person when they just need an ear. Her genuine care, effective listening, and follow-up with patients foster and allow therapeutic rapport. Her advocacy for patients is unmatched.

Ms. Chamberlain works with other disciplines in an effort provide good collaborative care for the patients she serves. She always places their needs in the forefront, which has led to her creating a curriculum that allows for continued growth and learning.

Orika always challenges herself to be better so that she can be better for the patients she serves. I get a renewed energy just listening to her ideas on how the team can assist patients in reducing recidivism. She is working on obtaining a master's degree in Forensic Counseling. She has volunteered to be on the Codes team and was also handpicked to be on the suicide initiative team for Bryan Psychiatric Hospital. Ms. Chamberlain's commitment to the field of Mental Health and the patients she serves is an example for all to take note of.