Populations Served
Attention Deficit Disorder, Behaviorally Disordered, Developmentally Disabled, Emotionally Disturbed, Medically Fragile, Mentally Ill, Mood Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

School Profile
Enrollment: M/F
Age Range Served: 12 - 22
Age at Admission: 12 - 22
Program: Residential
Staff/Pupil Ratio: 1 : 4
# of Months Open: 12
# of Days Open: 365
Current Enrollment: 27

Admissions Procedure
State agencies, local school systems and private referrals can be made directly with Swansea Wood School Program Director. Referred children will have been primarily diagnosed with a mild cognitive impairment and mental illness, between the ages of 12-22, and are capable of self preservation.

Approval/Licensing/Accreditation
Licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC); approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE); accredited by The Joint Commission.

Affiliations/Membership
Member maaps, the National Association of the Dually-diagnosed, and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Programs and Services
An historic country mansion provides the setting for the Swansea Wood School, a coed 27 bed Chapter 766-approved residential school for special needs adolescents with cognitive impairment. Multidisciplinary treatment and education services include: year round academic and pre-vocational instruction; behaviorally oriented, psychoeducational therapeutic interventions; individual, family and group counseling; vocational training and work-study experiences; recreational and community activities; 24 hour supervision and support to facilitate optimal learning and living skills-development toward independence. A strengths-based DBT and trauma-informed milieu promotes pro-social behaviors and students are offered extensive off-site opportunities for work, volunteer service and leisure activity exploration. On-site gymnasium/recreational facility, cooking, gardening, music, art and adjacent outdoor pool. Job coaching relationships with local vendors provide safe rewarding work experiences for eligible students. Intensive aftercare support is available to students transitioning locally to families, group or independent living settings.

Location and Facilities
The Swansea Wood School is located in historic Swansea Village, in southeastern Massachusetts. We are conveniently accessible from Routes 24, 6, and 195, 50 miles south of Boston.

History and Philosophy
Since 1987, Swansea Wood School has served as a preferred alternative to hospitalization for students whose combination of mild cognitive impairment and symptoms of mental illness and related behaviors, prevented successful achievement of scholastic and life-goals. The school serves students who are growing up and transitioning toward independent adulthood and who can benefit from specialized support to take this challenging step.

Swansea Wood School was the first of five Meadowridge Schools, programs of the Justice Resource Institute (JRI). JRI is a Needham-based, multi-state, non-profit corporation, dedicated to excellence in service to vulnerable children and adults.