

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- A "clean house" is always important, so avoid taking food, drink, or excessive personal items into the institution. A note pad and pencil will be sufficient supplies.
- Do not smoke in patient treatment areas, even if the patients are smoking. Do not give money, cigarettes, candy, or other items to patients. Also, do not take anything from patients.
- Confidentiality is important. You will be observing many interesting patients, and it will be difficult not to talk about them with your friends. Just try to put yourself in the patient's place. Be careful about what you say there and what you repeat after you leave. This also applies to discussing the professional staff.
- If you have any questions, refer them to the supervising therapist. Determine ahead of time when the supervisor prefers questions - in patients' presence or after therapy. If any situation arises that you feel uncomfortable with (example - patient asking you if he is going to die), go directly to the supervisor for assistance.
- Do not leave the patient or patients unattended.
- Any evidence of use of alcohol or drugs during clinical hours or on clinical premises will result in immediate failure and dismissal from the program.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF.....

See Appendix