

# Memory care near you

*Harrah Nursing Center features renowned memory care unit*

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Harrah Nursing Center, located at 2400 Whites Meadow Dr., is dedicated to leading the way in defining long-term, dementia and behavioral disorders through compassionate, understanding care for residents.

With around 80 employees, the center provides comprehensive and compassionate 24-hour care and services split into three different shifts.

The facility has a prominent memory care unit with beds available.

This unit is fully equipped and staffed for the treatment of residents dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Liz Permetter, Administrator for the Harrah Nursing Center, says the unit can house those patients with special needs that may not be suitable for most nursing centers.

"In the memory care unit we have 14 beds. Five private rooms and the rest are semi-private," said Permetter. "We take Medicaid, and residents for this unit will need an Alzheimer's or dementia diagnosis."

The facility is separate from the long-term care area of the nursing center to ensure residents receive proper care for their memory and behavioral conditions.

"Our entertainment room is geared more toward the 1950's with black and white television and things like that, because that's what they remember. That's what they enjoy," explained Permetter. "Those who have family members suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia still living at home have a lot to deal with. It eventually becomes a safety issue, and we offer them a safe place for their loved ones."

With a residents coming primarily from eastern Oklahoma County, Harrah

Nursing Center allows locals to remain in a familiar area while they age with compassionate and understanding caregivers.

In addition to those battling Alzheimer's and dementia, the center also has options for a wide variety of senior residents.

"We're licensed for 100 beds including the 14 memory care unit beds. We also have the independent senior living apartments next door," explained Permetter.

"Water and gas is included in their rent, and they can eat a healthy meal over here as well as visit for therapy and other needed services. We also partner with the senior center that's open to the public right down the road. Residents often transition from the independent living apartments over here to the long-term care or hospice care situation. Since they've lived next door and know the staff and services we offer it makes an easy transition."

Harrah Nursing Center is located at 2400 Whites Meadow Dr.

Call **405-454-6255** for more information.

## MEMORY CARE

**Comfortable private and semi-private rooms are available.**

**The memory care unit also features a separate dining and entertainment room designed to cater to those with aging entertainment interests.**

