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The country's largest inpatient eating-disorder center will open in Dedham

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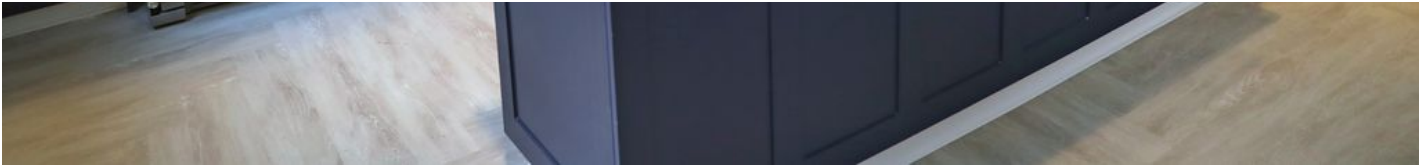
The entrance at Walden Behavioral Care, the nation's largest in-patient treatment center for eating disorders in Dedham. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

The nation's largest inpatient and residential facility providing care for people with eating disorders is opening in Dedham next week. Walden Behavioral Care moved to Dedham after being housed in a unit of Children's Hospital in Waltham. The new space, which is about three times the size of the prior unit, will accommodate growing demand for the service with 82 beds. The grand opening is scheduled for Oct. 21, although residential patients began moving into the facility on Thursday.



The new facility will have 82 beds, more than 3 times the size of the unit it has now in Waltham. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF





The residential kitchen. Patients will receive coaching for three meals and two to three snacks daily. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF



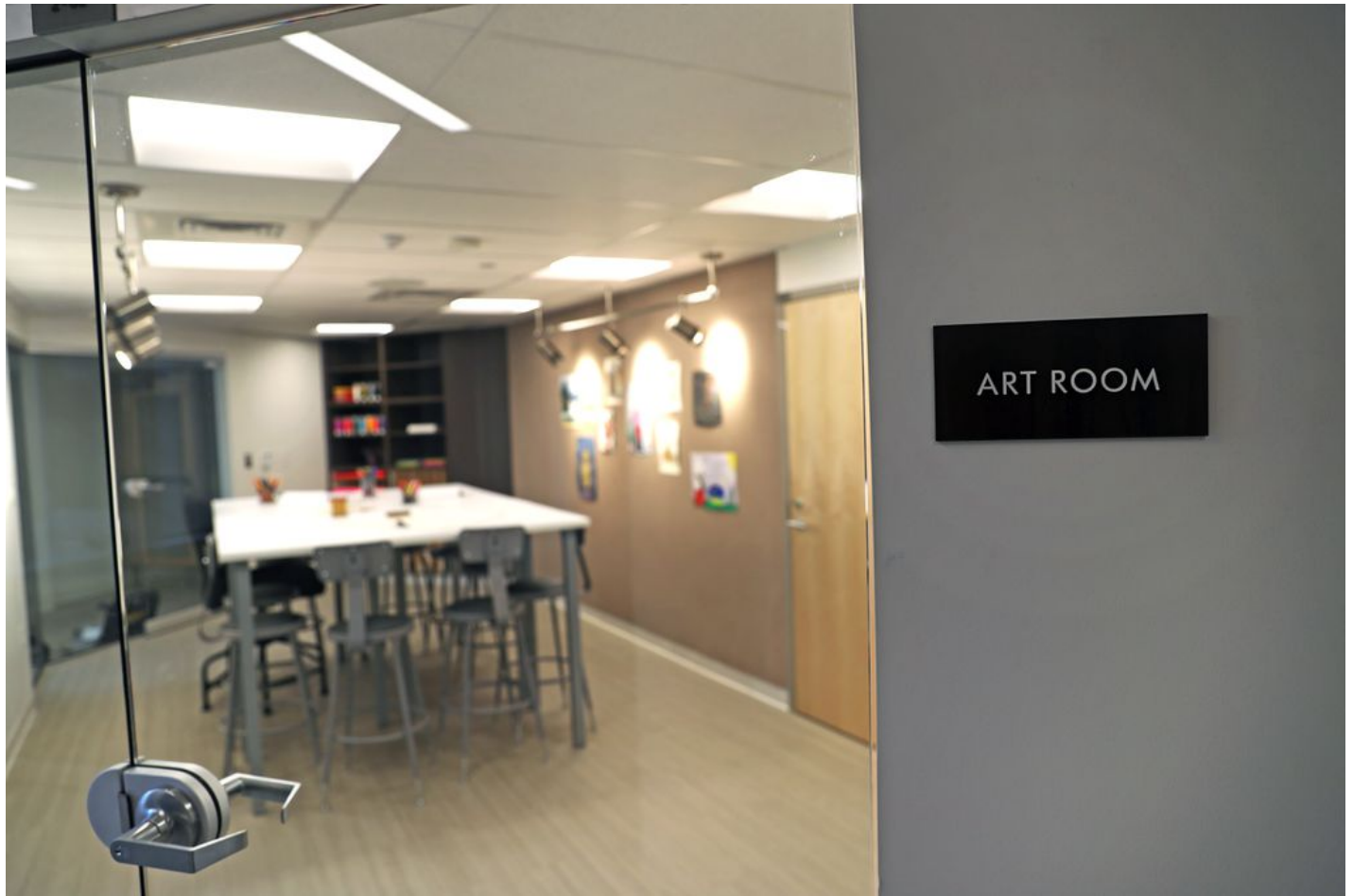
Family resource center. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF



A stuffed teddy bear sat on a chair in a residential bedroom in the center. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF



The residential kitchen. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF



An art room, which is one of the options for daily group therapy. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF



A view of the inpatient group therapy room. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF





The entrance at Walden Behavioral Care. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

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