

*"The Center staff welcomes our daughter every day with love and compassion. Their goal is to develop new, unique skills that meet her needs and capabilities."*

**Walter and Mary Moody**



*"What has been impressive is that my daughter is challenged daily and is now a more confident, assertive and compassionate individual."*

**Betty Ann Thurlow**

*"The experienced and supportive staff who work with our daughter provide an individualized program that is both meaningful and rewarding, a daily program she enjoys attending."*

**Teri and Paul Kenison**



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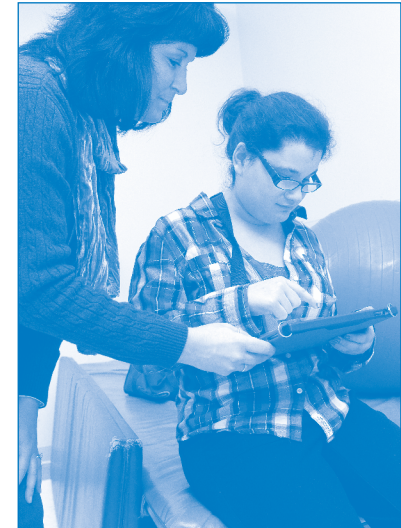
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## **Edward J. Bouchea Center for Learning**



Supporting adults  
with disabilities to  
expand mobility,  
express self, and  
experience community

A division of  
**Amicus**  
quietly making a difference

# *The Edward J. Bouchea Center for Learning*



**We** *use a creative and individualized approach, to help men and women with very challenging disabilities gain independence, increase knowledge, and exercise choice in their lives.*

*“We celebrate every achievement no matter how small. Together we do a lot of things we couldn’t do separately. It feels like family. My classmates are awesome friends. I believe in this place!”*

*Members of Class Five*

## OUR PROGRAMS

With individual attention from our professional staff and experiences both in the community and in our spacious and cheerful facility, participants grow and learn in a variety of ways.

**ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING:** Increased independence in personal care, eating, mobility and choice as well as promoting independence through the use of adaptive equipment under the direction of an occupational therapist.

**HEALTH AND FITNESS:** Exercise programs, adaptive swimming, and assistive technology for ambulation are available to each participant under the direction of a physical therapist.

**COMMUNICATION:** Augmentative communication systems are used for those who are hearing-impaired or non-verbal under the direction of a speech therapist.

**SUPPORTED COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE:** Service projects, seasonal events, shopping, and social activities are a significant part of daily activities.

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:** Increased self-awareness, respect for others, and an enhanced ability to indicate feelings and make choices are important to a sense of well-being

**CONTINUOUS LEARNING:** Using technological aids, individualized assessment, and community experience, participants access a wide range of opportunities to grow and challenge what it means to have a disability.

## THE BENEFITS

Edward J. Bouchea Center for Learning, a division of Amicus, has provided services in Bangor since 1971 and receives the highest accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. The Edward J. Bouchea Center for Learning is a member agency of the United Way of Eastern Maine.

Assurance is thus provided that:

- A monitoring system is put in place that is specially concerned with the best interests of consumers.
- The programs and services offered have met consumer-focused state-of-the-art standards of performance.
- The organization complies with established fiscal and legal standards.
- The Board of Directors and staff are committed to obtaining the optimum outcome for each individual served.

## MENU OF SERVICES —

### *A flexible approach*

A wide variety of community-based and on-site options within the programs and divisions of Amicus enable participants to select activities from a menu of services which contribute to a rich and fulfilling life.