

BOONEVILLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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Introduction

The Booneville Human Development Center (BHDC) is located two miles south of Booneville Arkansas on Highway 116 in South Logan County. BHDC is located in a rural setting and is the largest employer in the county with approximately 330 employees. The center's budget for State Fiscal Year 2014 is approximately \$16 million dollars.

The grounds and buildings were originally created for use as the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium in 1909. The sanatorium closed in 1972 when the Arkansas Children's Colony began operations at the facility. In 1981, the name was changed to the Booneville Human Development Center. BHDC was established to provide services for adults with developmental disabilities and continues to do so today.

Currently, BHDC is providing services to 126 clients whose primary diagnosis is developmental disability. 93% of the residents of the center also have a mental health diagnosis. 40% of the population at BHDC has aggressive, destructive, or self-injurious behavior. 39% have known seizure activity.

Criteria for Admission

Admission to BHDC begins with a request submitted to the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. Current admission criteria for BHDC call for an applicant to:

- 1) be at least 22 years of age or older, or a person 18-21 years of age who has a high school diploma or certificate of completion,
- 2) have a developmental disability as confirmed by qualified professional assessments,
- 3) have needs that can be met by a current vacancy,
- 4) exhibit challenging behaviors, and,
- 5) be ambulatory.

BHDC also provides respite services for some clients. Admission requirements are the same as for regular admissions, with special consideration for emergency needs.

Comprehensive Services

BHDC emphasizes quality individualized services. In 2012, BHDC received a three year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), an independent nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. CARF was founded in 1966 and is the preeminent standard setting and accrediting body for programs providing services to persons with disabilities.

BHDC provides residential services based on the concepts of respect, dignity, training and support. The center provides residential services twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. All rooms in the dormitories and cottages are single occupancy. Services and supports include medical/dental care; nursing; dietary; behavioral health; occupational, physical and speech therapy; recreation; life skills training; community skills training and prevocational training.

BHDC offers prevocational training on campus as well as paid employment for all residents. Jobs include recycling, rug weaving, and service work such as working in the cafeteria.