## News Letter March 2021



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## **Bouchea Center for Learning**

Reopening and "Sneak Peak" of Phase I Remodel

On February 22, our program participants and staff were super excited to be able to return to in person services at the Bouchea Center for Learning for those that are able to comply with the face covering requirement. In addition to the excitement of seeing friends that we've missed, the BCL staff and participants were thrilled to find out that phase I of the remodel is complete and ready for use (rooms 5-9). Everyone was impressed with the amazing upgrades of fully renovated bathrooms, kitchens, restyled raised mats, new privacy curtains, new flooring, paint, and lighting throughout. Phase II is underway (rooms 1-4), with a projected completion of late spring.

### Penobscot Valley Industries and Ralph Leeks Elders

Although times have been tough lately, our folks at PVI/RLE are making the best of it! We recently did a project for Martin Luther King Jr day. Participants watched the movie "Selma" and came up with their own dreams for our world today. Many of their dreams included being able to come back to program full time, and for things to be back to "normal"... which I think we can all agree to!









## **Community Life and Pathways**

Community Life is providing programming through the use of Zoom. It has been an adjustment, but participants are having a great time connecting with friends via the Zoom app and we all are improving our computer skills! More importantly, connecting with friends helps to combat the anxiety and loneliness that has affected so many people this past year.

In addition to Zoom, Community Life provides 1:1 programming services. Staff have been exceptionally creative finding ways to work on skills while following all safety protocols and ensuring that participants are happy with their service.



Pathways has made a lot of adjustments during Covid-19, but still continues to provide opportunities to learn essential job skills, while giving back to our community.



Volunteering at the Humane Society

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#### **Services Provided**

Day Programs:	OT/PT/SLP Consultation
Bouchea Center	Case Management
<ul> <li>Penobscot Valley Industries</li> </ul>	Rep Payee Services
Ralph Leek Elders	Home Supports
Community Life	Behavioral Consultation
<ul> <li>Pathways to Employment</li> </ul>	MHCPV Housing (Section 8)

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Be watching! Amicus' new website will be going live soon- within the next two weeks!

Amicus has developed and implemented COVID-19 Protocols for all consumers, employees and visitors to follow for everyone's health and safety.

In January 2021, Amicus successfully completed its 11th consecutive triennial CARF re-accreditation survey for 33 years of CARF accreditation, which shows our long-term commitment to quality improvement and program excellence!

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