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Educational Programs

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BANCROFT, a New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation, admits children and adults of any race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin to all programs, activities, rights and privileges generally provided to people served by the organization.

BANCROFT'S MISSION is to ensure that every person is given opportunities for lifelong learning and fulfillment.

We do this by altering perceptions, and by supporting those with intellectual and developmental challenges and acquired brain injuries in achieving their life goals as valued and respected members of our world.



SPECIAL EDUCATION THAT CHANGES LIVES

Bancroft Educational Programs meet the unique learning needs of young people with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, ages 3 through 21. Founded in 1883, the organization has long been a leader in special education.

At Bancroft, we base our success on each student's progress, using measurable goals and achievements. For instance, we're proud to report that in the 2009/2010 school year:

- 95% of Bancroft School students who took a New Jersey state assessment* scored "proficient" or "advanced proficient" in mathematics. 90% earned the same rating in language-arts literacy.
- 96% of Bancroft School graduates successfully transitioned to appropriate adult programs and/or jobs upon graduation at age 21.

But such accomplishments are just part of what makes Bancroft truly special. It's also the less tangible, but equally important qualities – like deeply dedicated, caring staff members, and our core value of *Respect* that permeates everything we do.



A CONTINUUM OF SCHOOLS AND SERVICES

Bancroft offers an array of educational programs, all with the same overriding goal: to help each student achieve his or her full potential for self-sufficiency in the home, workplace and community.

To help ensure each young person's success, we:

- Provide low student-to-staff ratios
- Take a team approach, encouraging collaboration with parents and school districts
- Offer an extended school year (ESY) program, to help students maintain their progress over the summer
- Teach families how to work with their children at home, to further enhance and support learning

In addition, Bancroft offers a range of youth residential programs, which provide round-the-clock training and support in nearby apartments and community homes (please refer to our pediatric residential services brochure for details).

* The New Jersey Alternate Proficiency Assessment, a state-required assessment for students who are unable to take typical standardized tests.



CUSTOMIZED APPROACHES TO LEARNING

Each student's educational program is designed to address his or her individual needs and maximize the young person's abilities. Bancroft professionals from multiple disciplines evaluate the student's abilities, then work with the school district and family to create an individualized education plan (IEP). The IEP establishes measurable goals in such areas as academics, vocational training, social skills, communication, community living and physical abilities.

Therapeutic services are provided as needed, including physical, occupational and speech/ language therapy, and psychological counseling. Medical support is also available for students with more complex physical needs.

Academic instruction includes typical subjects like reading, writing, math and social studies. Art, music and physical education are a regular part of the school week. And extracurricular activities – from an extensive Special Olympics program to school dances to a student-run opera – round out the educational experience. Plus, Bancroft has particular expertise in assistive technology: innovations that eliminate barriers and enhance learning and abilities.

At Bancroft, learning often occurs in the community, whether in the supermarket – where students learn about food and shopping – or at a job, where young

BANCROFT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- The Bancroft School, serving 230 students ages 5 – 21, in Haddonfield, N.J.
- The Bancroft Early Education Program for children on the autism spectrum, ages 3 – 9, in Cherry Hill, N.J.
- The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility, serving students who are medically fragile, ages 3 – 21, in Voorhees, N.J.
- One-to-one education for young children with autism, provided in the home, school, daycare center or at Bancroft
- Social skills groups for children with autism, ages 5 – 18
- Consultation and training for teachers, schools and districts

A NOTE ON TUITION

Bancroft Educational Programs are provided at no cost to students or their families. All tuition fees are paid by the student's home school district, under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

people acquire work skills. In fact, vocational training is a key focus of our educational programs, and Bancroft partners with scores of employers – from Wawa to Magnum Computer Recycling to Interstate Connecting Components Inc. – to give our students real-life job experience.

“When Danny came to Bancroft at age 15, he had significant issues with behavior and communication. Now, thanks to Bancroft, his problem behaviors are minimal. He’s making progress academically, and he’s starting to work in the community. I’m just so impressed with Bancroft – they’ve helped Danny have the promise of a better life.”

– JILL MCDOWELL, MOTHER OF BANCROFT STUDENT DANNY MCDOWELL, AGE 19

Additionally, Bancroft works collaboratively with families and offers many opportunities for their involvement. Teachers update parents at least monthly, and the organization holds frequent parent workshops. Parents can also join the advisory committee for their child’s program.



BEHAVIORAL EXPERTISE

Bancroft uses applied behavior analysis, a scientifically proven “best practice,” both to teach new skills and to reduce any maladaptive behaviors. Staff teams create behavior management plans for individual students as needed. In addition, each classroom uses its own behavior plan to maintain positive behaviors and ensure the best possible learning environment.

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD

At Bancroft, we offer more than just an education. We help students and their families navigate the critical transition to successful adult lives. Working with each student and his or her family, we begin at age 14 to plan extensively for the future and maximize the individual’s potential. We work closely with state disabilities and vocational rehabilitation agencies to ensure successful adult placements. And we offer our own continuum of adult programs, including day, residential and vocational options.



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