



## Mission

The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center, as a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, values uniqueness and individuality and promotes the self-determination and full participation of people with disabilities and their families in all aspects of community life.

As a catalyst and resource, The Boggs Center, through partnerships and collaborations, builds capacity in organizations, systems, and communities in a culturally competent manner. The Boggs Center prepares students through interdisciplinary programs, provides community training and technical assistance, conducts research, and disseminates information and educational materials.



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**The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities** is New Jersey's federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDD). The Boggs Center is part of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Department of Pediatrics. Since its inception in 1983, The Center has emphasized a community based, life span approach to meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Boggs Center provides community and student training and technical assistance, conducts research and model demonstrations, and disseminates information and educational materials. Activities of The Boggs Center are guided by its Consumer Advisory Council and partnerships with people with disabilities, families, state and community agencies, and policy makers.

The Boggs Center is part of a national network of federally designated University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service. The purpose of University Centers, as outlined in the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, is to provide a leadership role at the state level in the promotion of independence, productivity, and the full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.

The federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides The Boggs Center's core funding. The Center also receives funding from the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities and the NJ Department of Education, as well as other grants, contracts, and per diem training and technical assistance.

## *Project Areas*

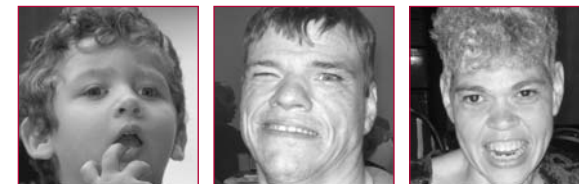


### **Community Supports:**

- Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series
- Positive Behavior Support training and technical assistance
- Self Directed Supports training and technical assistance
- Direct Support Workforce development
- Faith Based Supports
- Cultural Competence training and technical assistance
- Physical Accessibility and Barrier Free Design

### **Employment:**

- Supported Employment training and technical assistance



### **Education:**

- Inclusive Education
- Positive Behavior Support in educational settings
- Transition from school to adult life

### **Health:**

- Care coordination for adults with disabilities at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Department of Family Medicine's Resource Unit
- Seminar on Developmental Disabilities and Family Centered Care for third year medical students at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- Health services research

## *Student Programs*

- Interdisciplinary Traineeship in Developmental Disabilities
- Clinical Pastoral Education and Chaplaincy Training
- Rutgers School of Social Work Continuing Education and Professional Development Program, Certificate Program in Developmental Disabilities

For current project information and contacts, training and student opportunities, and information about Boggs Center products, please visit our website at <http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter> or call The Boggs Center at (732) 235-9300.