

BENNINGTON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Bennington Project Independence provides Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Services for frail older persons, younger disabled adults, and their families from Shaftsbury and the surrounding communities throughout Bennington County.

In 2009, with support from Shaftsbury residents, Bennington Project Independence was able to provide a safe, sensitive, and supportive day center program for adults who either prefer not or should not be alone for extended periods during the day. BPI serves people who feel isolated without the support of family and friends, persons with delicate or chronic medical conditions that benefit from care or monitoring, as well as serving persons in all stages of Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive impairments who need specialized assistance.

With the increasing number of older persons, the need for comprehensive Adult Day Care is expected to double in Bennington County in less than five years. Our goal at Bennington Project Independence is to help people get the most out of their lives and provide a cost-effective and compassionate option to traditional nursing home care.

We, at Bennington Project Independence, have completed construction of Phase One of our new and expanded Adult Day Center on Rte 7A on Harwood Hill. The historic 1785 barn has been carefully restored and combined with new construction to create the first phase of our new home. We are still raising funds to complete the entire project. We would like to invite interested Shaftsbury residents to tour our new home, the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center, anytime.

Bennington Project Independence has received high praise for its program and services from the State of Vermont and the Veterans Administration. Our healthcare staff provides comprehensive nursing, wellness, and personal care. BPI's activities are opportunities. Our dedicated, professional staff offers a wide range of individually-tailored social and recreational activities, fitness groups, community trips, and intergenerational events. Our handicapped accessible vans and dedicated drivers help us provide safe community access and specialized door-through-door assistance.

We, at Bennington Project Independence are extremely grateful for the continued support from the residents of Shaftsbury and look forward to continuing to provide the highest quality Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Services for Shaftsbury families in need.

Respectfully submitted

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