

Connections

News and Notes from the World of The Moore Center and Family Support

House Budget Passes with Cuts

The NH House passed the state budget by a vote 243-124. The NH legislative process allows for essentially an up or down vote on the budget.

The members of the Finance Committee have a tremendous voice in terms of the spending priorities for the state of NH.

The only way for rank and file members who are not on the Finance Committee to change HB 1 is to vote on floor amendments.

A floor amendment is an amendment offered on the House floor during the full House vote rather than a committee amendment which is offered in the committee by a committee member.

On Thursday, the House Democrats on the Finance committee offered a total of 15

floor amendments on HB 1. All the amendments FAILED. The floor amendment proposals included the following:

Adjust the state revenue estimates higher, thus allowing more dollars to be spent

Restore funding to the department of Transportation to fund roads and bridges

Restore DRED Resource Center

Restore Scholarship Programs

Restore laid off Inspectors in the department of Agriculture

Restore funding for laid off State Troopers

Restore funding for Domestic Violence Programs

Restore funding for Childcare

Restore funding for BDS: Day Services for DD and ABD, and Family Support (Full Funding)

Restore funding for Mental Health

Restore funding for Drug and Substance abuse prevention

Restore funding for the University System and the Community Colleges

Restore funding for the CHINS program

Restore funding for Head Start

Restore funding for Service Link

Info provided by Gateways Community Services

Ilene Wheeler Moves On from Family Support

The Family Support Advisory Council and the staff of The Moore Center wish to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Ilene Wheeler for her years of hard work and advocacy on behalf of the Family Support department.

Last month, Ilene resigned from her position to pursue other business opportunities. Dawna Garofalo will be acting as the contact for Family Support.



Rally for New Hampshire Turns out 4,000

On Thursday, March 30, over 4,000 people turned out at the New Hampshire Statehouse in Concord to rally against the House budget. While the crowd featured a heavy representation of union workers protesting against the modification of collective bargaining rules, there was a very healthy number of folks on the scene advocating for the human services industry. Clients, families and staff from all across the Granite State showed their commitment to restore funding for services.



What happens when my child turns three?

Early Childhood Transition Forum

This is an informational meeting about transitioning from Early Supports and Services to Special Education. Learn about the transition process, ask about your child's upcoming preschool experience and meet representatives from local school districts and Moore Center Services.

Date
Thursday, May 19th 2011

Time
9:30 am—11:30 am

Location
Moore Center Services
195 McGregor Street, Unit 400, Manchester NH

Directions: www.moorecenter.org or call 206-2700

Space is limited
R.S.V.P. 206-2739 by May 17th, 2011
Child care provided by reservation only

Please do not park in any parking spaces designated for DHHS/State employees and other businesses. Use the **South** entrance of the Mill West building. There is additional parking in the back of the building. For back of the building parking, use the **Riverside South** entrance. Take the elevator to the 4th floor.

Connect with the Family Support Advisory Council!

Send an email to the brand new account created exclusively for communication between Family Support families and the Family Support Advisory Council!

Ask questions, learn about upcoming events and initiatives, make your voice heard!

nhfamilycouncil@gmail.com

Save the Date!

The Fourth Annual Statewide Caregiver Conference, hosted by the Coalition of Caring, is happening on November 3, from 8:00 am to 4:15 pm at the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett, NH.

For more information or to request a brochure, contact Ellen Edgerly at 603-332-9891 or visit the Coalition of Caring Web site at coalitionofcaring.org.

Want Resources?

Then be sure to tune into Moore Center's burgeoning social media empire! There are three online locations you can visit for information on events, multimedia and helpful articles:

 twitter.com/mcsregion7

 moorecenter.org/newsblog

 facebook.com/moorecenter

Drop-in Respite

April 16 and April 30
1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Eddy Road
Call Kris Simmons at 296-5149 to register!

Rising Stars

Meets every Wednesday from 3 to 5 pm.
Call Laura Frangipane at 206-2774.

Spring Fling Arc Dance

May 7, 7-9 pm
Matthew Thornton School, Londonderry NH

Discounts and Gift Cards

We will have new gift cards in May.

2011 Family Support Conference

April 29, 30 and May 1
IMPORTANT! The Family Support Advisory Council will be able to fund two conference registration fees per family but no hotel accommodations for this year's Family Support Conference



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