



Connections

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Who Is the Family Support Council?

The Family Support Council (FSC) works in partnership with The Moore Center to provide knowledge, support and advocacy so families can create new options and make informed choices on behalf of family members with disabilities. The FSC:

- Provides a voice for people with a family member with a disability in our region
- Develops an annual plan and budget utilizing subcommittees to further the goals of the Council
- Advises The Moore Center on matters affecting families
- Assists The Moore Center Family Support staff in coordinating events, activities & workshops

If you would like to learn more, contact Pam Macdonald, FSC Chair at pmacdonald01@comcast.net.

Peer Work at Camp Allen

Peer Work, a facilitated work training program, is looking for young adults age 18-25 who have developmental disabilities to apply for paid work positions at Camp Allen. Participants receive hands-on experience in a natural employment setting, working side-by-side with mentors who provide on-the-job training.

This program is designed to create future employment opportunities for individuals with developmental challenges by providing experience and references. Some of the work includes maintenance, cleaning and janitorial, laundry, kitchen work, and camp store clerk.

If interested, there is an interview process at Camp Allen on May 27, at 2:00pm.

Please visit www.campallennh.org and obtain an on-line application and mail it to Camp Allen with the words "Peer Work" written at the top of the application. For more information, contact Jim Turner at 682-8006, or call Camp Allen.

Best Buddies Friendship Walk

Sun, June 17, State House Capitol Plaza, Concord
Check-in between 10-11:30am, Walk starts at 11:45am
<http://www.bestbuddies.org/>

How Can the Family Support Council Help You?

If you and your family are in need of something, we may be able to help! Please let your case manager know what your needs are as soon as possible and we will do what we can to assist you.

National Transportation Survey

Nationwide, self-advocates identify transportation as a challenge to their independence. Please take a moment to complete the on-line survey aimed at assessing the issue of transportation.

This survey is part of a national study called Transit Cooperative Research Project B-40: Strategy guide to Enable and Promote the Use of Fixed Route Transit by People with Disabilities. The goal of the study is to develop strategies to improve bus and train systems for people with disabilities.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/882523/TransitChoices>

Save the Date!

SPEDPAC of Bedford Annual Fundraiser

Where: Merrimack Ten Pin, 698 D.W. Highway,
Merrimack, NH

When: Saturday, June 9th, from 7pm - 10pm

Cost: \$20 per person, includes unlimited bowling
and shoe rental

Fun Activities: 50/50 raffle, silent auction, door prizes

All proceeds benefit SPEDPAC-sponsored
programs and events

Advance tickets are required and can be purchased at
www.spedpacbedford.org

NH Parents for Inclusive Education (www.nhpie.com)

Our Mission

To provide information and resources about
inclusive education to NH families. Through our
website, brochure, and forum we provide a way for
New Hampshire families to connect and learn
more about inclusive education.

All kids deserve a piece of the PIE!

Check out the parent forum to share your
questions and experiences



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START

START services are now available through The Moore Center. "START" stands for Systematic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Respite & Treatment. The Center for START Services at the IOD/UCED at UNH is a national initiative that works to strengthen efficiencies and service outcomes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs in the community. We have 2 case managers who have been trained by experts in Dual Diagnosis, to better understand what mental/behavioral health issues look like in a person with an intellectual disability. We can apply that expertise to helping teams serve individuals who have dual diagnosis and who might not otherwise get the appropriate treatment.

The START coordinators work as part of a collaborative team with other area agencies and they continue to work on skill building, creative solutions, linkages with local community mental health providers, hospitals, and developing respite options for individuals who would benefit from planned respite and assessment. The START coordinators bring education, training and knowledge to the area agencies to increase capacity at every level in the agency. If you are interested in accessing START services, talk to your case manager.