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The Moore Center Legislative Updates

Busy Week at the State House

There is a budget floor amendment (2017-1213h) that will spend about \$24 million for developmental services in the next state budget. The amendment will likely be offered on the House floor this Wednesday, April 5. The sponsors of this bill believe this amendment will fully fund the DD waitlist and a much-needed pay increase for Direct Support Professionals. Please let your Representative know you support this amendment! Find your Representative [HERE](#)



Two Important NH Bills Are Being Heard this Week

HB 620, an act relative to compliance with state and federal education mandates, impacts education policy in NH, including the NH Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities (our special education rules). As amended by the House, HB 620 does not pose a significant threat to our existing rules. But – that could change depending on what happens in the Senate.

SB 193-FN, an act establishing education freedom savings accounts for students, which establishes a school voucher program in NH, will have a direct impact on the funding available to the public schools that are responsible for educating all of our children.



Advocate NH 5th Annual Conference Registration Open Now

Advocacy: Learn It! Live It! Love It!

Date: Friday, May 5, 2017

Location: Grappone Conference Center, 70 Constitution Avenue, Concord

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm (Registration begins at 8:30)

Register [HERE](#)

The theme of the 2017 conference, High Five!, represents a celebration of five years of advocates around the state and region coming together and learning about strategies to live a full and productive life.

Whether that means learning to advocate for one's own financial needs, learning to meet new friends and build relationships with others, learning about rights and responsibilities related to individual services, sharing thoughts and feelings about self-determination with service providers, or strategies for putting one's best foot forward, our conference is about sharing how we all can be valued members of the community.

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