



E-CONNECT NEWS

The Moore Center Legislative Updates



Budget Update

As it stands right now the developmental disability community will receive an increase in funding when compared to the current budget. We secured additional new funding for the Early Supports and Services program for the first time since 2009. Despite many attempts to get additional funding for the DD waitlist, we are still about \$18 million short. The Area Agencies and DHHS strongly believe that without additional funding the current budget proposal does not fully fund the DD waitlist. This will lead to many families and individuals being without services.

The full House and the full Senate will be voting on the budget on June 22nd. Despite our disappointment with the final product, we believe that passing a budget is better than not having a budget at all. The failure to pass a budget could lead to additional funding reductions and confusion at DHHS and its partners in the community.

Regardless of the outcome of the House vote on Thursday, the Area Agencies will be advocating for additional waitlist funds at the very next available opportunity. This could include a “waitlist funding bill” for the 2018 legislative session.

We will continue to provide updates on the budget process, and thank you for your advocacy efforts to ensure that individuals and families receive the supports they need and deserve to reach their goals.

Save New Hampshire's

Education

House Bill 620 will be voted on by the full House and Senate on June 22nd. It is ESSENTIAL we have as many people reach out to their Senators and State Representatives to ask them to vote AGAINST the committee of conference recommendations for HB 620.



HB 620 is not fiscally responsible or clear, and is unnecessary and regressive. If this bill is passed and made a law it can destroy decades of advocacy efforts to strengthen NH's special education rules and laws. The current rules support parental involvement, protects students from harm, provides accountability and many more benefits to children that require special education.

Families involved with special education as well as general education, neighbors, friends, and family can ALL reach out to their elected officials. There are over 400 State Representatives and Senators. Your voice DOES make a difference! It has happened before on this specific bill and it needs to be heard again!!!

Please VOTE NO on HB 620!!!!

Dancing with The Rising Stars

The Rising Stars put on a stellar performance last week during their 4th Annual Dancing with The Rising Stars event! Their theme this year was Broadway. Spectators got to enjoy performances from some of the most well-known musicals on Broadway!



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