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Sample Testimony From Our Friends At GSIL

Here is a great piece of testimony from an individual who receives services from Granite State Independent Living. His testimony



is personal but also gives facts and statistics, while staying on point. Whether you plan to submit written testimony, or verbal testimony, this is a great example to work with! Thank you, Jeff and GSIL!

SENATE BUDGET HEARINGS

Tuesday May 7th beginning at 1:00pm (They will break from 5:00-6:00pm) Representatives Hall at the State House 107 N. Main Street, Concord NH

Wednesday May 8th from 7:00pm-9:00pm

Manchester City Hall 1 City Hall Plaza, Manchester NH

What Can You Do?

Attend a public hearing
Submit written testimony
Contact your Senator

Ask Them To:

Support a rate increase (SB308 can help address this)

- Keep the increased funding for Early Supports & Services (ESS)
- Continue to support the developmental services budget and the DD waitlist
- Restore funding to promote and educate families on STABLE NH Accounts
- Keep funds appropriated that establish a preventative care dental benefit for adults that receive Medicaid



For more tips and support with writing your testimony contact your legislative liaison at your area agency or Heather Young at hyoung@csni.org

We let the House hear our voice in hearings last month - now it is time to do the same with the Senate!

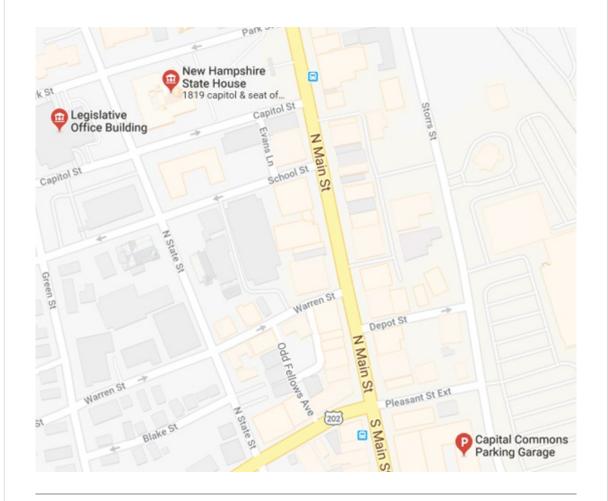
If you are able to attend either of these budget hearings (**May 7th beginning at 1pm at the State House in Concord**, or **May 8th from 7-9pm at Manchester City Hall in Manchester**), please do so!

Funding for our services and programs is important and the best way to make our needs known is to make our voice heard. Verbal testimony at the hearings is the most effective way, and it can be very short and simple. If you are unable to commit to verbal testimony, you can simply sign-in at the hearing in support of fully funding DD, and/or submit written testimony to Jillian Clemans (jillian.clemans@moorecenter.org) and she will be sure it gets to the Senate. You can also call your local Senator - you can find who your Senator is here.

Please also contact Jillian to RSVP and for any questions or coaching needed for testimony.

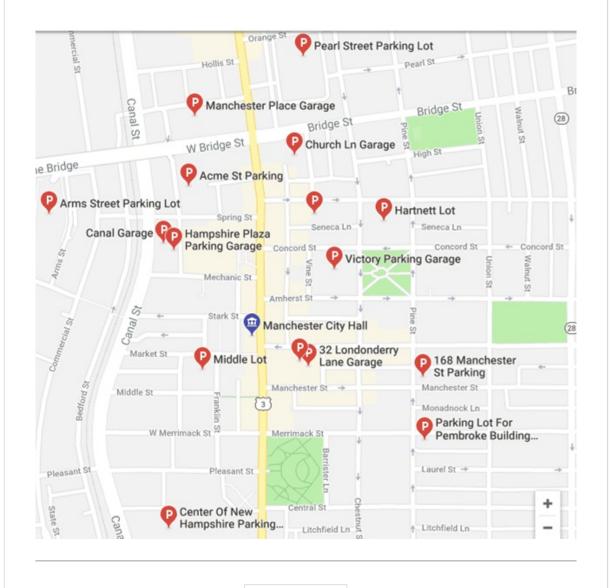
Concord State House Parking

The location of the NH State House in Concord is below. There are several side streets you can park on, paying a meter. There is also the Capital Commons parking garage close by where you can pay to park. You can enter the state house from the front (Main Street) or back (State Street). Once inside, you will be directed where to go.



Manchester City Hall Parking

The location of Manchester City Hall is below. There are several side streets you can park on, paying a meter. However, there are also several parking garages and lots you can pay to park in, all close to the City Hall.



Looking for an easy way to stay in touch with other families from the comfort of your own home?

The Family Support Council Facebook Group is up and running! This is a closed group, designed to be a place where families can share resources, post questions, and offer support to each other. The Facebook group is administered by two Moore Center staff, but all family members are welcome to add content and share at any time. Simply search for The Moore Center Family Support Council on Facebook or click here and ask to join. Once we confirm that you are a family member , you will be granted access. We hope that this group becomes a source of community and support for you and we are excited to see what it can

