

CONNECTIONS

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Greater Manchester Family Support Council News

The Family Support Council benefited greatly by the informative presentation on guardianship by Attorney Mike Chamberlain in June.

The council will be meeting in the Moore Center boardroom on August 6th at 6:30 pm to discuss this year's topics of interest, budget concerns and the like. This would be the perfect time to learn how the council operates and provide valuable input to steer the council to the needs of your family.

Can't make it on the 6th? The council meets on the first Tuesday of every month, same time and place.

Please contact Chris Marchand at familysupportcouncil@moorecenter.org with any questions.

State Budget News

On June 28, 2019, the proposed 2020-2021 state budget was vetoed, and lawmakers approved a continuing resolution to maintain current spending levels for three months starting July 1, the first day of the new fiscal year. Unless something changes, this means that during the continuing resolution, there will be no funding for individuals who have aged out of school, are new to the system, or had significant changes that require additional funding.

However, we may have reason to feel optimistic for those awaiting services and enhancements in the first quarter of this fiscal year.

According to the Concord Monitor, "Three weeks after vetoing New Hampshire's budget – and weeks away from a likely breakthrough – Gov. Chris Sununu is asking lawmakers for temporary funding to support the state's developmental disability waitlist.

In a letter sent Monday to the chairwoman of the state Fiscal Committee, Rep. Mary Jane Wallner of Concord, Sununu asked that the committee approve nearly \$8 million for services for those on the waitlist." (7/22/19)

We will keep you posted as this continues to develop.

We will continue to work very closely with The Bureau of Developmental Services to communicate about individual circumstances. We are also assessing what steps can be taken within The Moore Center to assist families in need, such as utilizing respite funding.

If you have questions or concerns about what this means for your family, please contact Susan Goddard, Director of Family Support, at Susan.Goddard@moorecenter.org, or 206-2794.



Join us for a Family-Friendly Run/Walk Event

Will you be joining us for our Wine Run/Walk, with an after-party at the Derryfield Country Club? This will be a really fun event and we hope to have a lot of staff and families join us for the run, walk, or to help out as volunteers. And bring your friends!

The event also includes the ability to create a fundraising page to share with your family and friends. A percentage of all registration fees and 100% of fundraising activity benefits The Moore Center!

When: Thursday, August 22, 2019 - 6:20 p.m.

Where: Derryfield Park, Manchester, NH

After party: Derryfield Country Club
(includes a souvenir glass of wine or beer)

Register to RUN, WALK OR VOLUNTEER at:
www.TotalImageRunning.com

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

The Family Support 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 and ask to join.

Email Questions?

Many of you have likely received emails with a sender or subject as "Postmaster" or "Mimecast". Please be advised, these are legitimate emails from The Moore Center! The Moore Center, and all other agencies that send and receive confidential and sensitive information, is required to encrypt messages. We have worked extensively with consultants who recommended we use Mimecast, an email filtration system that provides email security.

When you receive an email, please *do* create a login and password so that you can access communication we send about your family member/ward.

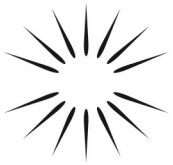
We certainly do not want to make communication more difficult, but we do want to ensure adequate security of sensitive information in a growing world of technology and breaches. Call Barbara at 206-2832 with any questions.

Family Support Conference

Sixteen Moore Center families attended this year's annual Family Support Conference in April, at the Mount Washington Hotel.

The 2019 NHFSC is a state-wide conference organized by volunteers for family and caregivers who have a family member with a developmental disability, acquired brain disorder or special medical needs.

This event attracts over 500 families each year and provides educational workshops and opportunities for families to network with one another. There are also recreational activities for children, so it really is an inclusive and fun family event.



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Moore Center Clients are Truly Amazing!

After a lot of hard work and preparation, our own Sara and Marjorie competed in the NH Miss Amazing pageant this spring.

Marjorie won runner up and Sara was crowned NH Miss Amazing!

Sara, her mom, and Moore Center DSP Brianna will be traveling to Miss Amazing Nationals in Chicago, to compete for the national title.

The pageant runs from August 2nd-4th. To watch the live feed and cheer on Sara and the other contestants, check out <http://missamazing2019.org/>

