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Greater Manchester Family Support Council News

In February, we had a tremendous response to the Parent-to-Parent Conversation event, where stories of placing an individual in an Enhanced Family Care arrangement were shared. Plans to continue this conversation are in the works.

Our April meeting will include Ellie Cochran, who will explain her proposal for an alternative placement arrangement. At our May meeting, Attorney Michael Chamberlain will present a workshop on Guardianship. We hope to see you there!

Involvement in the Family Support Council is your opportunity to influence services and policies that affect your individual and to network with other families with similar goals.

Our March meeting agenda is posted on our Facebook page, The Moore Center Family Support Council. Check it out! Questions may also be sent to familysupportcouncil@moorecenter.org.

Advocacy Support Group

Did you know that Luis Raymundo and Kelly Craioveanu hold an Advocacy Support Group here at The Moore Center?

At the January meeting, guest speakers Michelle Bieliunas from the START program, and parent Beverly Gere, joined us. Michelle spoke about the START program and its benefits to our individuals. Beverly was very gracious to share her inspirational journey with her son through the START program and through their 43 years navigating the DD system. Thank you to Michelle and Beverly!

The next Advocacy Support Group meeting will be March 15th from 9-11 at McGregor Street. Our guest will be Jeannie Dallahi, Program Manager from Best Buddies, who will tell us about the Best Buddies program. All are welcome! We hope you can join us.

Budget Hearing Season is Here

The Finance Committee is having a hearing on **Monday March 18th beginning at 1:00pm at the State House in Concord.**

While the Governor's proposed budget does call for an increase in funding for DD services, it is less than what we hoped. As always, support for DD funding in the form of signing in and/or testimony at these budget hearings is important and effective. If you are able, please attend and sign in under support of fully funding Developmental Disability services! You can provide written or verbal testimony.

Questions about the hearing and how to participate?

Contact Jillian.clemans@moorecenter.org
(603) 206-2728

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. 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 grow in to. Questions about the Facebook group?

Contact Barbara.didona@moorecenter.org or 206-2832.

Assistive Technology Update

A TECH Services has transitioned out of providing assistive technology services, effective March 1. These services are not going away—you will just need to access them through another provider, depending on your insurance carrier. Below are the numbers to call for more information about how to receive assistive tech services.

NH Healthy Families

603 263-7232

Well Sense

855 833-8119

NH Medicaid and other insurances

603 271-9384

Save the Dates!

2019 Garden Party honoring Dianne Mercier will take place on **Thursday, June 20th** from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Brady Sullivan Tower, 1750 Elm Street

Wine Run and after-party benefiting The Moore Center, on **Thursday, August 22nd** from the Derryfield Park. \$10 from each registration will be donated to The Moore Center!



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