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New Provider for the Medicaid Transportation Benefit

dhhs New Hampshire Department of
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services Office of Medicaid Services is subcontracting with a new transportation vendor, One Call.

Implementation of this transportation change is scheduled for October 1, 2020. This transportation change affects individuals who receive Medicaid State Plan services through the Department, also known as “Fee-For-Service” individuals or individuals exempt from receiving services through a Managed Care Organization (MCO) under the Medicaid Care Management (MCM) Program.

Please see the details in the announcement below.

[Read the Details](#)

Updated Workshop List From the Massachusetts Down Syndrome

Congress



The Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress is offering a variety of workshops for families and professionals. To give you an idea of their offerings, here's a list of upcoming workshops. You can click on the button below for additional details on each workshop.

Upcoming workshops:

- **From Power Struggles to Powerful Partnerships: Understanding and Managing Students' Challenging and Unsafe Behaviors**
- **Inclusive Practices and Distance Learning for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities: TIES Center Resources**
- **Building Resiliency and Managing Anxiety in Ourselves and Our Students**
- **“Don’t We Already Do Inclusion?”: 5 Ways to Create Better Schools for All**
- **“From Text Maps to Memory Caps”: 10+ Supports for School and Home**
- **Teaching Children with Disabilities to Read During a Pandemic**
- **Teaching Children with Disabilities to Write During a Pandemic**

[See Full Details on All Available Workshops](#)

Talking to Doctors Program for Individuals Using Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)



Institute on Disabilities

If you live in the US, rely on any kind of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and are at least 18 years old, please consider applying to participate in a free, 8-week training series that will pay you \$250!

Organized by Temple University's Institute on Disabilities, this training is part of a CommunicationFIRST-led grant project funded by the WITH Foundation that seeks to improve access to health care for AAC users.

The ACES Talking to Doctors Strand starts October 6, 2020 (time TBA), and will include 8 free weekly classes on Zoom (plus optional social events). You'll learn about tools to use to make your own health decisions and will create your personal video to get doctors to listen so they know what is important to you — and you'll get paid \$250 if you complete the project!

Learn more and apply below.

[Register to Participate](#)

Virtual Caregiver's Conference Workshop



Spirituality and the Caregiver

Spirituality is a broad concept with room for many perspectives. In general, it includes a sense of connection to something bigger than ourselves that can result in positive emotions such as harmony, wonder, satisfaction, gratitude, and acceptance. In this workshop, we will explore individual spirituality and the role it plays in caregiving.

Guest Presenter Susan Garafalo, MDiv.

Susan A. Garafalo, MDiv., joined Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, as a Hospice Spiritual Care Counselor in September 2019. As a member of the hospice team, Susan provides emotional and spiritual support to patients, and their families, at end of life. Susan has a long history of service to the church and the community, and is an experienced public speaker and group discussion leader.

When: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 - 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

[Register Here](#)

The Power of the Disability Vote



ABLE NH, the NH Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Brain Injury Association, and the Disability Rights Center are hosting a free webinar on how to vote safely during the time of Covid-19, deadlines for absentee ballots, and how powerful the disability community is when we vote on issues that we care about.

This workshop is designed for students and adults with disabilities, Voc Rehab clients and staff, any staff who work with adults with disabilities and family members.

This workshop is a civics lesson for students ages 16-21. Additionally, it is a community-based activity for adults with disabilities to attend with the support of a DSP.

Did you know that if people with disabilities in the US voted at the same rate as people without disabilities, an estimated 2.3 million more votes would be cast?

Elections impact how critical resources like adult services for people w/ developmental disabilities, Medicaid oral healthcare benefits, public school funding, Social Security, and Medicaid/Medicare work for people with disabilities.

When: September 21, 2020, online webinar, 2:00 p.m. Register below.

[Register Here](#)

NH Launches Accessible Absentee Voting System



The NH Secretary of State's Office has launched an accessible absentee voting system for people with print disabilities. The new system allows voters with print disabilities, including people who are blind, to request and fill out an absentee ballot privately and independently.

The system will be used in addition to the existing absentee voting system. Voters who are blind or have print disabilities can use the accessible system to cast an absentee ballot during the September 8 state primary election.

More information about the accessible absentee voting system, including how to request a ballot can be found on the Secretary of State's website.

[See Program Details](#)

Gubernatorial Town Hall on Disability Issues

Join candidates seeking the office of Governor of NH for a Zoom-based Town Hall meeting where they will present their disability policy platforms and disability issues they intend to focus on if elected.

Andru Volinsky (D); Karen Testerman (R); & Dan Feltes [pre-recorded] (D) will each have 3 minutes to speak. (Governor Sununu's campaign said he would attend a Disability Town Hall during the general election season.) Candidates will answer three questions determined by the co-sponsoring NH disability organizations. Then, attendees will be invited to ask their disability issue questions.

Date CHANGE: September 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Let's make disability policy a top campaign priority!

[Register Here](#)

GSOP & ABLE NH holding Listening Sessions in Manchester



In order to create a just & equitable reopening of schools in Manchester, based on the real needs and concerns of families, we are connecting with families, teachers, and students. We will hold group space via Zoom. We are working to attract different ages, cultural & racial demographics into the conversation.

We will be asking parents of students impacted by disability, educators and youth to work on solutions and check-in on how the return is going.

Join the conversation!

When: September 10th, 7:00pm: Solutions & Check-in!

Email: lisab@ablenh.org or join the Zoom meeting through the link below.

[Here's the link to the Zoom meeting](#)

Debunking the Myths of Supported Decision-Making and Guardianship



People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) have the same right to make decisions about their lives as people without disabilities. However, their ability to make their own decisions is often questioned by teachers, doctors, family members, and others.

People with I/DD are at an increased risk of being placed under guardianship, and guardianship is frequently still the only option presented and utilized by families and supporters of people with I/DD. Guardianship can be an obstacle to the development of self-determination skills, and research has shown that individuals with reduced self-determination have diminished quality-of-life outcomes and are less likely to live and be integrated into their community.

This webinar will describe guardianship and less restrictive decision-making alternatives, as well as help debunk some of the myths that persist about guardianship and supported decision-making.

When: Tuesday, September 8, at 2:00 p.m. ET

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