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## Important Legislative Updates

### **Adult Dental Benefit Under Medicaid**

Human service advocates have worked for many years to add a comprehensive and preventative adult dental benefit to NH's Medicaid program. The goal is for adults on Medicaid to visit providers for oral health care and Medicaid would cover those costs. The empirical evidence shows this would enable more people to have healthier teeth and better overall health. *(Read more through the link below.)*



### **DD Pilot Program for Young Adults**

Since 2019, there have been various legislative attempts to amend RSA 171-a relative to school enrollment status, age and how those two factors may affect DD Medicaid waiver eligibility.

As a result of these discussions and several court cases, DHHS elected (without legislative direction) to update their administrative rules. This change made it clear that when an individual is deemed eligible for developmental services and graduates or exists the school system (regardless of their age) they are entitled to Medicaid waiver funding within 90 days. *(Read more through the link below.)*

## **Requiring Local School Districts to allow students over age 21 to remain in school**

This session, there are two bills that modify the definition of "child with a disability" to include persons to 21 years of age and for the school year during which they turn 21. Those bills include SB 394 and HB 1513.

Both bills have had public hearings, however, neither has cleared the original chamber (House or Senate) that were introduced. *(Read more through the link below.)*

[Read the detailed legislative updates here](#)

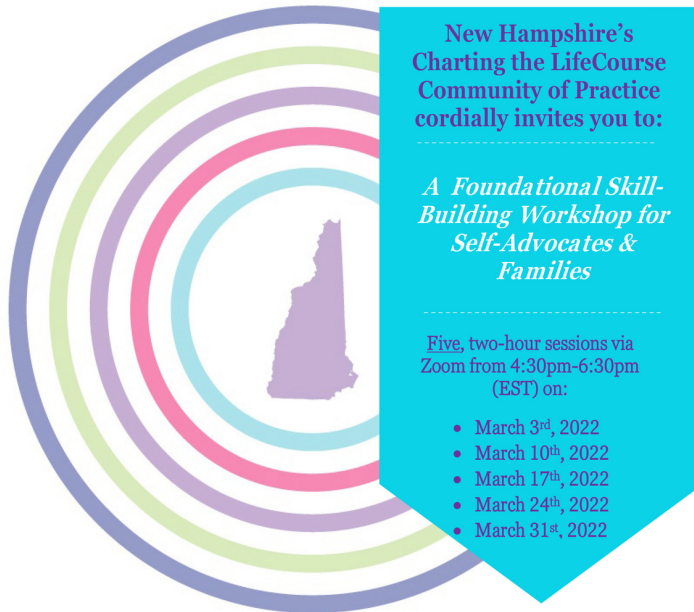
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## **A Foundational Skill-Building Workshop for Self-Advocates & Families**

Have you heard of  
Charting the  
LifeCourse? Curious  
about what it is?  
Want to learn more?  
Here is your  
opportunity to attend  
this no cost event!

This is a chance for

self-advocates and families to come together and learn about Charting the Lifecourse. You will learn how it can be used to identify and share what is important to you and your family, advocate for those choices, problem solve, plan, and make goals for the future.



This will be a virtual event and will occur through Zoom.

**IMPORTANT: This is a five-part series so you should be prepared to attend all five sessions.**

[Register here](#)



## Sweet Potato Comfort Pie<sup>®</sup>

A Catalyst for Caring and Building Community

**We can all do a little something to make a difference!**

This is a wonderful example of how we can all do something to make a difference. As Rose McGee watched the news in Ferguson, Missouri after Michael Brown's death, she struggled with what she could do to help.

Then, as she describes here, this idea came to her:

"Escalating hotter than the weather was the tremendous tension of the protests. As I viewed eyes filled with anger and fear flash across my television screen, I asked myself, what can I do? There came a soft yet clear response (I believe from God): "Go into your kitchen, make some sweet potato pies, pack your car, and deliver them down to Ferguson." And so I did." Rose McGee

## **Sweet Potato Comfort Pie's Mission**

Sweet Potato Comfort Pie's mission is to advance racial justice and equity, heal damage caused by race-based trauma and elevate marginalized voices and experiences. We achieve our mission in three ways: by using the powerful Black cultural food tradition of making and delivering sweet potato pies; by facilitating story-circle dialogues, speaker series, workshops with intentional listening and authentic sharing; and by building multicultural alliances/relationships and youth/elder mentorships that deepen commitment to racial justice work.

[Read more about Sweet Potato Comfort Pie](#)

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# **How to Improve the Wellbeing of Parents of Young Children with Disabilities and/or Special Healthcare Needs**

**Reducing Stress in Parents of Children with Disabilities with Brief Self-Compassion Practices by Email**



## PARENT<sub>TO</sub>PARENT USA

P2P USA, in partnership with California State University and University of North Dakota, is conducting a study to learn how to improve the wellbeing of parents of younger children with disabilities and/or special healthcare needs. It looks like it will be a great opportunity to learn more about de-stressing with self-compassion and gathering data to help support other families in the future.

### **Here's more from them:**

In this study we hope to learn about how to improve the wellbeing of parents of young children with disabilities and/or special healthcare needs.

Participants will get 8 weekly emails introducing brief self-compassion practices. We will ask you to participate in surveys at 3 timepoints that take approximately 45 minutes each to complete.

### **To Participate You Must be:**

- 18+ Years old
- A parent/ primary caregiver
- With a child 5 or younger who has
- A disability or special healthcare need.

Follow the link below to participate. To learn more, contact:

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