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Seasons Greetings!

Greater Manchester Family Support Council News from Maria Sieper



As you may have noticed, the holiday season is around the corner. We hope you and your family are safe and in happy holiday spirits!

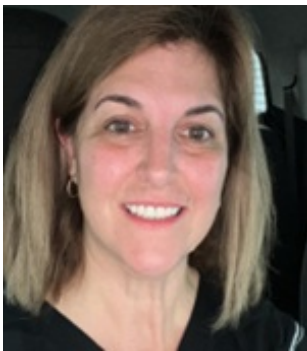
The festive season is the perfect time to wish you all happy holidays and express our gratitude for your continuous support.

We also want to acknowledge and thank Tom Stencavage for his hard work and dedication throughout his tenure on the Family Support Council as Secretary. We are so grateful for all that he has contributed to the Council.

Meet our new family support council officers!

I'm Michele Petersen. As a proud mom who can

relate to other parents blessed with a child with a disability, I am honored to serve on the Family Support Council as Co-chair/Treasurer. As a nonprofit career professional and a graduate of the UNH Leadership Series, I recognize the importance of meaningful work and community involvement. Serving as a member of the Family Support Council provides an opportunity for me to listen, learn, share, and do my best to help make a difference for Moore Center families. I look forward to 2023!



I'm Michelle Reischer. I am honored to be the new FSC secretary. A little about me: I'm a mom of 7 with our oldest being 34 yrs. old, down to our youngest of 18 years, who has CP, epilepsy & DD. I work full-time as an IT Manager. I love to volunteer & my latest venture was working the crisis support line for victims of hurricane Ian. I love biking, hiking, and being outside, especially with family and friends. I'm excited to be part of such a great organization.

Catching up with Paul Boynton



Paul, who stepped down as CEO in March 2021, is currently splitting his time between NH and FL. But is retired really the right word for Paul? With a new book about to be released and an on-line intensive course starting after the holidays, he is truly redefining retirement!

One of Paul's recent adventures was being honored at UNH as the commencement speaker in the 2022 Manchester campus commencement. He was recently interviewed for an article in Business NH Magazine about redefining retirement. We are enjoying keeping up with Paul's 'retired' life

and look forward to seeing what he jumps in to next.

Disability Justice Parade



The Rising Stars joined Moore Center staff and families at the first ABLÉ NH Disability Justice Parade on October 15.

It was a beautiful day for a parade, and Moore Center recruiters shared the Family Support table

to spread awareness of the agency and encourage people to join our amazing team! It was a great event and we look forward to an even bigger presence at next year's!

Make sure we have your email address so you don't miss out on fun events!

Learn More about Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) Systems Work



As you may be aware, the service delivery system in NH is undergoing many changes, with some new systems scheduled for implementation in July 2023. This fall, BDS held several Public Information Sessions and Family Forums. There are currently no sessions scheduled for the spring of 2023, but you can find a recap of past sessions by visiting

the BDS webpage here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disability-care/developmental-services/bds-systems-work/developmental>

Join the Family Support Council!

If you would like to attend our meetings or learn more about FSC, please visit our website <https://moorecenter.org/family-support-council/> or email us at themoorecenter@nhfamilysupport.org.

You can also find us on Facebook at The Moore Center Family Support Council, a closed group where families can share resources and support.



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