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There is still time to share your voice about inclusive postsecondary education!



Postsecondary education is school after high school. We believe that students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities should have more opportunities for postsecondary education.

We want to learn more about the postsecondary education needs, preferences, and beliefs of young people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in New Hampshire.

We are conducting a needs assessment to learn from you!

You can take our survey if you are a:

- * Young adult with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- * Family member of a young adult with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- * Educator
- * Service provider
- * Policy-maker
- * Someone else interested in sharing your thoughts about inclusive postsecondary education

Your feedback will help us make plans for future work to increase postsecondary education opportunities for young people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

If you have questions, please contact us at UNH4U.durham@unh.edu.

[Take the survey!](#)

Webinar: Sharing What We Heard: Moving Forward Together

Join the Bureau of Developmental Services for the **Sharing What We Heard: Moving Forward Together** webinar.



When: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Please join the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) at this virtual

community webinar to discuss the work to strengthen the developmental services system. We will share a summary of what we heard during the recent BDS community listening sessions and surveys. Your feedback is guiding BDS' planning and vision for a system that meets each individual and family's needs.

For additional information or to request accommodations, please contact the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) at bds@dhhs.nh.gov.

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Annual Family Support Council Picnic



The annual Family Support Council Picnic is on Sunday, June 2, 10:30am to 2:00pm at Camp Allen in Bedford.

This is an inclusive family networking event that will provide social and recreational activities for individuals, their family members and friends.

This year's event will feature: Magician BJ Hickman, Activities with Granite

State Music Therapy, a delicious catered lunch, ice cream truck treats, a scavenger hunt, the hot potato game, and raffle prizes!

Don't miss a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with other families in our community and have some fun!

Tickets are limited and only available until Thursday, May 23. There is a limit of five tickets per family.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

[Register here](#)

Creating Housing Solutions

A Message From The Family Support Advisory Council's Our Homestead Housing Committee: "Creating Housing Solutions"

Reminder: This important event is coming soon!

We are a group of parents of adults with intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD)/Acquired Brain Disorders (ABD) from the greater Manchester area who provide daily care and support to our children. Our group was formed out of mutual concern about what will happen to our family members when we can no longer care for them. This is a growing concern for many families in New Hampshire.

Adequate housing options for people with IDD/ABD in our state are significantly lacking. Over the past year ABLE-NH (Advocates Building Lasting Equality) surveyed our state and learned that individuals with these disabilities are the largest group at the greatest risk of becoming homeless when their parents die or are no longer able to care for them. We need housing options and support services for this population in New Hampshire.

Our mission is to provide residential options, services and support designed to meet the needs of adults with developmental disabilities and similar disabling conditions. We are dedicated to fostering growth and independence through vocational, social, and recreational opportunities. Our goal is to proactively facilitate the transition of this population to ensure that they are able to age in a safe, reliable, and caring home.

The clock is ticking on this urgent issue. It will affect many in the decade to come. Surrounding states have already implemented housing solutions that provide a range of supportive options for this population. Ideally, each region in New Hampshire should have a variety of housing options available to meet their needs. We have been researching best practices to identify and develop solutions. We are inviting you to share your input and assistance to address this critical need.

Please join us on May 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. for a meeting to discuss New Hampshire IDD housing accommodations and support needed. The meeting can be attended in person at The Moore Center located at 195 McGregor Street, 4th Floor, Manchester, NH 03102.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-homestead-creating-housing-solutions-tickets-878697747617>

Please share this invite with others who you believe would be interested and able to collaborate with us. By working together, we are confident that we can meet this critical need in New Hampshire!

Respectfully,

Our Homestead Housing Committee:

Maddy Mandelbaum, Jan Lessard Peightell, Julie Cyr, Donna DiBello,
Mary Panarese, Lois Cote, Laura Cameron, Eleanor Smith

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