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Testifying Tips - May 6th

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- Focus on the impact to your family. You don't have to be an expert on anything other than how a potential cut in Medicaid-funded services will impact you and your loved ones

- Express gratitude! One way to structure your testimony is to thank the Senators for the services your loved ones has and how they enable them to love a good life. And then ask them not to cut those services

- Keep it short – you have 2 minutes to tell your story

- **Wear bright pink** – the visual representation shows how many people are there in support of people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders

- Keep your cool – having an emotional response to proposed budget cuts is natural – but being angry or disrespectful to the committee will not help

- Focus on one thing. Feeling overwhelmed by all the information? Just focus on one thing that matters to your family and tell that story

- Don't feel comfortable testifying? Show up in your pink and listen for awhile – not everyone needs to testify!



Questions? Email
communications@moorecenter.org

Can't make the hearing but want to email your story to the Senate Finance Committee?
Click here to get to the committee page and choose *Email entire committee*
https://gc.nh.gov/senate/committees/senate_committees.aspx



Sample Testimony

Senate Finance Committee Members,

My name is Joan Smith, and I live in Manchester. My son, Jack, is 23 and has autism and intellectual disability. He is currently receiving services through The Moore Center, including support working at St. A's in their food services department, a job that he excels at and loves.

Without adequate Medicaid funding, Jack will potentially lose access to this service and be unable to go to work. Without a job coach supporting him and providing transportation, he will end up sitting at home, and I will need to leave my job to stay home with him. This not only significantly impacts his quality of life, it takes both of us out of the work force, so instead of contributing to the local economy, we will need financial supports just to pay our rent.

Thank you for supporting the types of services that support my son and the thousands of Granite Staters who experience disability. Please fully fund Governor Ayotte's proposed state budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 and fund the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) prioritized needs list.

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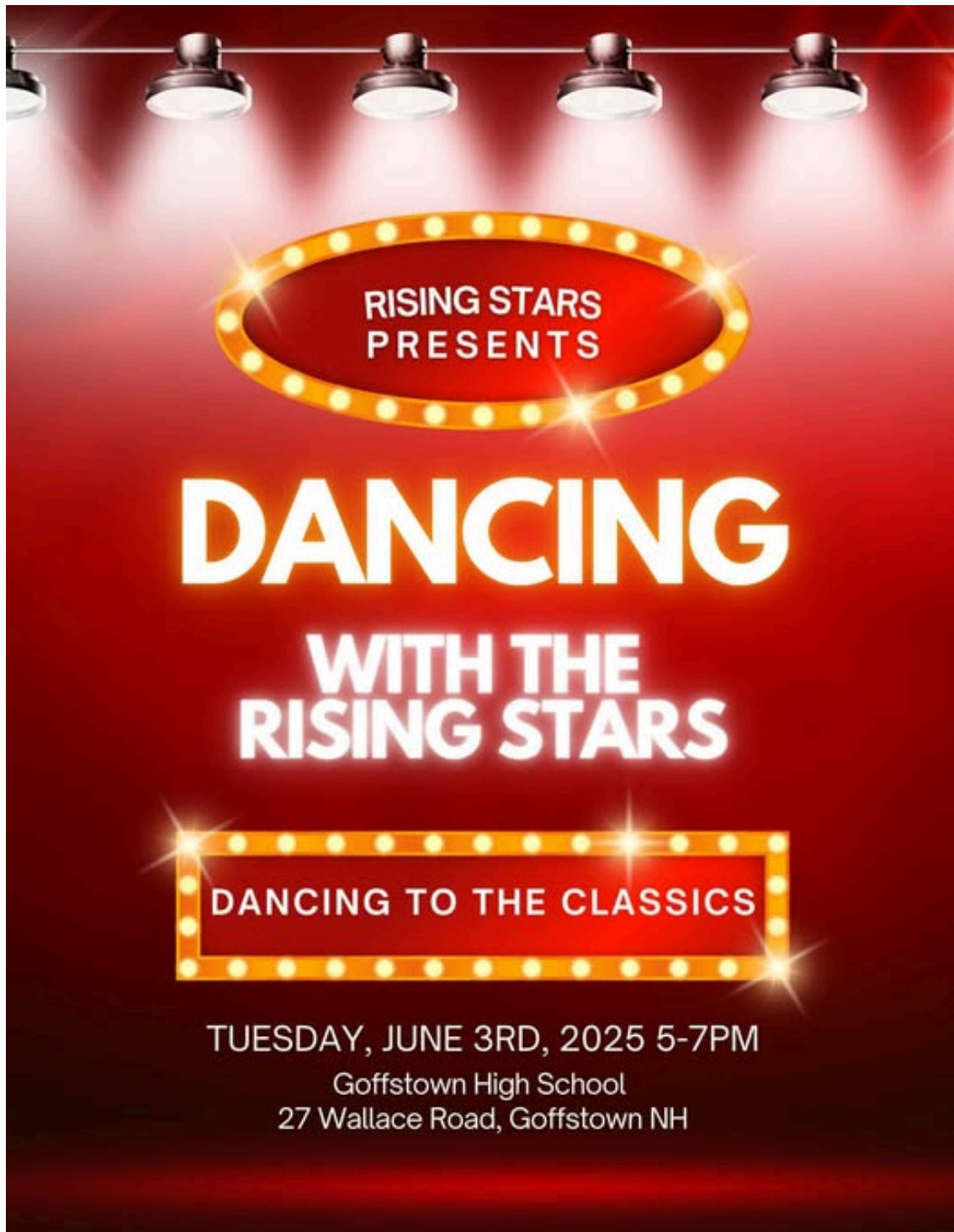
Moore Center's Coffee Talks more than just a java break



In case you missed it, the Union Leader ran an article about Coffee Talks, one of our programs with St. A's, this weekend. Check it out!

Dancing With The Rising Stars!

June 3rd from 5-7pm



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