



The Moore Center

Family Support Advisory Council

Families Serving Families

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Upcoming Events in this newsletter include - BDS Listening Sessions, SEE Science Center Friendly Hours, Annual NH Caregivers Conference, Lending Library at AtinNH, Community Based Services Carnival Bash and the Family Support Conference Save the Date.

Bureau of Developmental Services Developmental Disabilities Waiver & Acquired Brain Disorder Waiver Informal Listening Sessions



Department of
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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We want to hear from you!

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver and the Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver are beginning the renewal process, with anticipated completion dates of Fall 2026. Prior to drafting any changes to the current waivers, the Bureau of Developmental Services is kicking off a series of informal listening sessions to hear feedback, experiences, and thoughts from individuals, families, providers, and Area Agencies. This is the time to give your input about what is working and what could be improved. These sessions will be facilitated by the Institute on Disability at UNH.

Sessions are being held in three locations to accommodate a broad geographical area, as well as three virtual sessions.

In Person
Bedford
September 11
11:00am-1:00 pm
Bedford Library
3 Meetinghouse Road
Bedford, NH 03110

In Person
Concord
September 17
4:00-6:00 pm
DHHS Brown Building
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301



In Person
Gorham
September 19
10:00am-12:00pm
35 Railroad Street
Gorham, NH 03581

Virtual
• September 10
4:00-6:00pm
• September 11
3:00-5:00pm
• September 18
11:00am-1:00pm
[Click to join!](#)

If accommodations are required for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Peggy Sue Greenwood at peggy.s.greenwood@dhhs.nh.gov or (603) 271-5034. At least 5 business days advance notice is requested in order to assure availability; requests made fewer than 5 days prior to the event will attempt to be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed.

Friendly Hours Pilot Program at the SEE Science Center



The SEE Science Center is piloting a free program to welcome visitors who face barriers to visiting our museum during normal operating hours because of sensory or immune issues.

Below are the times and details for these pilot events. We will invite everyone who participates to give us feedback through an online survey after attending. While there is no admission charge, we require all attendees to sign up ahead of time so that we can control crowd sizes during these events. Registration will open one month prior to each event.

Sensory Friendly Hours

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Monday, November 3, 2025 – 2:30pm -4:30pm

Sunday, January 11, 2025 – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Monday, March 2, 2025 – 2:30pm -4:30pm

Sunday, May 3, 2025 – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Immunocompromised Friendly Hours

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, October 5, 2025 – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Monday, December 8, 2025 – 2:30pm -4:30pm

Sunday, February 8, 2025 – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Monday, April 6, 2025 – 2:30pm -4:30pm

Sunday, June 7, 2025 – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

[Register](#)

[Science Fun!](#)

Adaptions during event:

- Limited Attendance
- Reduction of bright lights
- Reduction of loud noises: Pool Ball Falls, The Ball Drop, The Cookie Factory and the Bernoulli exhibit will not be available during this event
- Only soft toys will be available at the gravity well exhibit
- Quiet “Take a Break” spaces available
- Sensory Materials available
- All staff on site are trained in Autism sensitivity

We welcome visitors to bring their own sensory materials and noise cancelling headphones.

Adaptions during event:

- Museum cleaned just prior to event
- Masks available for any visitor
- Increased ventilation and airflow
- Attendance Limited to 50 people
- Physical distancing/crowd control
- Additional hand washing and hand sanitization stations

While these events are designed to reduce the risk of infectious disease exposure to immunocompromised individuals, participants acknowledge that SEE cannot eliminate this risk and that there remains a risk of exposure to infectious diseases in any public space where people are present.

Resources

- Outdoor ramps are available at building entrances and an elevator in the building's main hallway provides access to all levels of exhibits
- Wheelchair accessible restroom stalls are located in the building's main hallway restrooms
- Service animals are allowed under [ADA guidelines](#)
- Visitors who are deaf and hard of hearing can use this [signing glossary developed for science museums](#)

- Sensory materials are available at the front desk
- View a [sensory story about visiting SEE](#)
- View a [sensory map of SEE's exhibits](#)

19th Annual NH Caregivers Conference

The Coalition of Caring Planning Committee is pleased to announce.....

The 19th ANNUAL NEW HAMPSHIRE CAREGIVER'S CONFERENCE

Caregiver's Conference * November 7, 2025

Strength, Hope, and Nobility

Keynote Speaker: Annie Kuster
Member of Congress 2013-2025

The Last Dance: Facing Alzheimer's with Love and Laughter

**Friday, November 7, 2025
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Courtyard Marriott/Grappone Conference Center
Concord, New Hampshire
www.coalitionofcaring.org

Online Registration: <https://p2p.onecause.com/19acc>

CSNI COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK, INC.

There is a free webinar opportunity that may be of interest to individuals with disabilities, families, guardians, Home Care Providers, DSPs, and Service Coordinators. Sara Valli from ATinNH at the UNH Institute on Disability will be presenting on Monday, September 22nd, from 4-5 PM an overview of the Lending Library at ATinNH. This is a free service that allows people who could benefit from Assistive Technology to “test drive” different AT equipment before buying (or submitting for waiver funding). This allows them to be certain that the device is just what they need and will work for them. Available devices include mobility devices, speech and language devices, home access devices, and more. Sara will review what is available and how devices can be provided to individuals at no cost.

Pre-registration is required; please register here: <https://csni.org/upcoming-events>. Feel free to share far and wide!

Community Based Services Carnival Bash!

JOIN US
COMMUNITY
BASED SERVICES
**CARNIVAL
BASH!**

19
SEPT
FRIDAY

10AM-
1PM

ROY PARK - 31 ROSEMONT ST,
GOFFSTOWN, NH

Cost: \$10 per person includes games,
food and drinks. \$5 for any support
staff who wishes to join for food.

CONTACT KAYLA GUNNERY TO RSVP BY 9/2
KAYLA.GUNNERY@MOORECENTER.ORG - 603-206-2719

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Family Support Conference!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**2026 NEW HAMPSHIRE
FAMILY SUPPORT CONFERENCE**

APRIL 24

APRIL 25

Concord, NH

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, caregiver, or professional, we know how important the early years are—and how overwhelming it can sometimes feel when

you're just starting your journey. There's a lot of information coming your way, and we hope this issue helps make things a little easier to navigate.

Inside, you'll find helpful tools, inspiring stories, and many resources. We're highlighting two exciting ways that families can get involved in shaping how early childhood programs and systems work in New Hampshire.

At the heart of all we do is a deep commitment to supporting families, children, and the professionals who work with them. If you ever have a question, need help finding resources, or just want to talk something through, please remember that you can call us anytime. Our support is always free and confidential. We're here for you—every step of the way.

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