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News from the State House

HB 1593FN : relative to funding for developmental services community integration. This bill establishes a developmental services community integration fund in the department of health and human services to support individuals with developmental disabilities. This bill passed the House Health and Human Services Committee but still needs your support as it moves forward! Also referred to as the "Recreation Bill" this bill was introduced to assist individuals and families with the cost of integrated recreational opportunities that are no longer covered through Center for Medicaid Services (CMS).

"People with developmental disabilities have been historically excluded from many social interactions, employment opportunities, and educational environments. Community integration, including recreation is a way to ensure that all people have access to the full spectrum of social, educational, and professional opportunities. These opportunities are embedded within the existing community, rather than segregated. The integration within the community promotes the well-being of individuals, but also increases the overall health of the entire community."
(Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire)

Please contact your legislator and ask them to support HB 1593FN.

**Our legislators want to hear from their constituents,
and it is as easy as a personal phone call or email.
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LRCS Legislative Liaison, Carrie Duran with fellow disability advocates after testifying on HB 1593 outside of the New Hampshire State House on January 10, 2024.

Stay tuned for additional opportunities to testify in support of HB 1593 in the Senate!

If you have any questions regarding this bill or any other bill, please email Carrie at carrie.duran@lracs.org



Thursday, February 1
9:00: Full House Session:
Watch Full House Session on YouTube [HERE](#)

Training and Learning Opportunities

Join Carrie Duran, LRCS Legislative Liaison on **Thursday, February 1st at 9:00 a.m.** on Zoom as she presents "Advocacy in Action, How to Engage in the Legislative Process." Zoom Link to Join: [HERE](#).

"The NH Transition State Community of Practice (NH COP) is again offering a robust lineup of timely topics in one hour Zoom sessions on the first Thursday of the month, 9 – 10 am, as part of the regular NH Transition Community of Practice meeting. You are welcome to stay for the second

hour, 10 – 11 am, which is the regular meeting with lots of good resource sharing. " -Next Steps New Hampshire

2024 NH TRANSITION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE Education Series



| JAN 4 | FEB 1 | MARCH 7 | APR 4 | MAY 2 | JUNE 6 |
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| <p>Keys to a Collaborative Partnership <i>Brigid Griffin & Brenda Simmons, NTACT:C</i></p> <p>Learn about keys to collaboration from national experts on transition.</p>  | <p>Advocacy in Action <i>Carrie Duran, Lakes Region Community Services</i></p> <p>Hear from a legislative liaison about how to engage with the legislative process.</p>  | <p>Health Care Transition: From Tools to Action <i>Ansley Peacock and Sylvia Pelletier, NHFV</i></p> <p>Learn how to take the information learned from transition tools and put it into action.</p>  | <p>Higher Education Options for Students in New Hampshire <i>Ariel Schwartz, UNH-4U</i></p> <p>Hear about inclusive higher education opportunities including Think College, Post Secondary Alliance, and UNH-4U.</p>  | <p>Mental Health First Aid <i>Suzanne Weete, Community Partners</i></p> <p>Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues.</p>  | <p>Accessibility & Disability Services in College <i>Dennis Green, SNHU</i></p> <p>Learn the process for documenting a disability and determining necessary & appropriate accommodations.</p>  |

All Meetings Are The First Thursday of the Month
Presenters 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Sharing of Resources 10:00 – 11:00 a.m

More information about the Community of Practice and the Zoom link for the Ed. Series at nextstepsnh.org

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To make a difference in the lives of New Hampshire youth and support successful transitions to life after high school by fostering cooperation, collaboration and the development of best practices among cross stakeholder communities.



Supporting Self-Employment for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities: Family Perspectives

Webinar Date: February 13, 2024 | Time: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm ET

Join the Administration on Disabilities (AoD) Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center (DETAC) for our February 2024 National Community of Practice (CoP) webinar. This event will highlight the importance of family support for people with disabilities who own their own businesses. We will begin with a brief recap of the work DETAC has done to advance self-employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Then, Sue Babin from the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council (RIDDC) will facilitate a panel session featuring three family members of entrepreneurs with disabilities. The panelists will offer their perspectives on how to best support loved ones with disabilities who have goals of owning their own business.

Presenters:



Sue Babin
Special Projects
Coordinator at the Rhode
Island Developmental
Disabilities Council
(RIDDC)



Sue Baron
Mother of Bryan Baron
(Bryan Baron is the
owner of Double-B
Photography)



Iraida Williams
Mother of Alton Stuckey
(Alton Stuckey is the
owner of Alton Stuckey
Art, Portraits and More)



Karen Rasnick
Mother of
Rachel Rasnick
(Rachel Rasnick is the
owner of Rachel
Rasnick Art)

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Carrie is here to help and answer your questions! [Click Here to email Carrie Duran](#).

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