



NH Family Support Conference at a Glance

Open Throughout The Conference

Hospitality Suite - Hanover Room
Drop-By Information Center - Bristol Room
T-Shirts & More!!! See Chris Ayer - Webster Room
Exhibitors - Main Lobby Corridors

STOP IN & VISIT

Friday - May 5, 2006 - !!! GOOD EVENING !!!

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Hospitality Suite

Hanover Room

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Come join us for refreshments and meet people from around the state!

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4:00 - 9:00 PM

Early Registration

Main Lobby

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Medieval Hat Decorating

Amherst Room

Come and make a medieval style hat to decorate to your heart's content for Saturday's Heart of Heart's Dinner and Dance. Be a King or Queen, Lord or Lady, or a jester for the evening. Lots of neat trinkets to decorate your hat.



7:00 - 9:00 PM

Drop-By Information Center

Bristol Room



Saturday – May 6, 2006 – !!!WELCOME!!!

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Hospitality Suite

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SATURDAY ONLY EVENTS!!!!

**8:30 AM – 4:00 PM ATECH Technology
Exploration Center**

Ashwood Court

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Sibshop

Chesterfield Room

7:15 – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast

Grand Ballroom

8:00 – 8:45 AM Registration

Main Lobby

**8:45 – 9:00 AM Overview of Weekend and
Introduction of Family Support,
Respite, and Parent to Parent
Coordinators**

Grand Ballroom

Gordon DuBois, Conference Coordinator,
NH Bureau of Developmental Services

Peggy Sue Greenwood, Associate Conference
Coordinator, NH Bureau of Developmental Services

Lorene Reagan, Administrator, Child and Family Supports
and Services, NH Bureau of Developmental Services

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome Address

Grand Ballroom

Maggie Hassan, NH State Senator, Exeter

**9:15 – 10:25 AM “The Family Support Movement,
A NH Perspective”**

Grand Ballroom

Al Robichaud, Moderator, Belknap County Citizens
Council on Children and Families, Laconia

Liz Hager, NH State Representative, Concord

Louise Hackett, Parent, Merrimack

Cory Pierson, Parent, Concord

Frank Tupper, NH State Representative, Canterbury

10:25 – 10:45 AM “Speaking for Ourselves” Video Grand Ballroom
Frank Tupper, Introduction, NH State Representative,
Canterbury

10:45 – 11:00 AM Coffee Break
*Sponsored By: Minuteman Medical and
Northeast Delta Dental*



Grand Ballroom

Saturday - May 6 - WORKSHOPS: SESSION I 11:00 – 12:15 PM

EC - Early Childhood SA - School Age A - Adult G - General

- A. Sensory Foundations and Strategies for the Child with Autism (EC) Hollis Room**
Maxine Haron, MS, OTR/L, Occupational Therapy Associates,
Watertown, MA
- B. Families Taking Control of Their Services - CSI:NH (A) Hampton Room**
Leslie Boggis, New Initiatives Manager, Area Agency of
Greater Nashua, Region 6, Nashua
- C. Legislative Advocacy (G) Portsmouth Room**
Linda Steir, Parent, Policy Coordinator, Community Support
Network, Inc., Concord
Richard Cohen, Executive Director, Disabilities Rights Center, Inc., Concord
- D. Practical Strategies for Understanding and Managing Your Child’s Behavior (EC) Northwood Room**
Cathy Apfel, Educational Coordinator, Institute on Disability/UCED
University of New Hampshire, Durham
- E. “Signs of Development: Using Sign Language to Aid Early Communications” (EC) Windham Room**
Mary Buckley, President, Signs & smiles, Londonderry
- F. Meaningful Lives - Part I (A) Grand Ballroom**
1. Relationships: Katherine McLaughlin, Planned Parenthood
of Northern New England, Keene
2. Employment: John F. Vance, Executive Director, A.C.C.E.S.S., Inc.
Peterborough
3. Home of Your Own: Sharon Drake, Program Director,
NH Community Loan Fund, Concord

Saturday - May 6 - WORKSHOPS - SESSION I - (11:00 - 12:15 PM) - Continued:

G. Family Support Councils: What are they and What do they do? (G) Bedford Room

Al Robichaud, Moderator, Belknap County Citizen Council on Children and Families, Laconia
Deirdre Watson, Family Support Coordinator, Community Partners Region 9, Dover
Lisa Ingemi, Parent, Council Chairperson, Region 1, Center Conway
Larry Butcher, Parent, Council Co-Chairperson, Region 5, Keene
Diane Creeley, Council Delegate, Region 5, Peterborough

H. New Year, New Challenges, and New Opportunities (SA) Conway Room

Frank Sgambati, Project Coordinator, Institute on Disability UAP, University of New Hampshire, Concord



1:15 – 2:45 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS Grand Ballroom

“You Are The Heart of Family Support”
Dave and Faye Wetherow
Community Works, Parksville, B.C., Canada

The family is a bridge to the larger community but it is not replaced by the community. It’s a bridge to connection, companionship and contribution, but it’s not replaced by those things. By the same token, “family support” doesn’t begin at the boundary with the service system and certainly shouldn’t end there. Navigating our way through formal systems is important work, but if this becomes the sole focus, we risk losing something very precious. Good family support is always looking at the broader picture - the whole “family pattern”. Family Support grows and evolves as we learn. New Hampshire Family Support is part of a nation-wide, in fact a world-wide, journey of discovery.

2:45 – 3:00 PM BREAK Grand Ballroom

Saturday - May 6 - WORKSHOPS: SESSION II 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- I. Early Learning Lasts a Lifetime (EC)** **Windham Room**
Patti Rawding-Anderson, MA, MSPT, Early Intervention
Consultant, Easter Seals of New Hampshire, Raymond
- J. NH Connections (SA)** **Hampton Room**
Dawn Marquis, Program Director, NH Connections, Concord
- K. Sensory Processing Dysfunction and Adults with Autism - It's Not Just for Children!! (A)** **Hollis Room**
Maxine Haron, MS, OTR/L, Occupational Therapy Associates,
Watertown, MA
- L. Meaningful Lives - Part II (A)** **Grand Ballroom**
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- M. Keeping It all Together: Coping Skills for the Long Term (G)** **Northwood Room**
Marty Fuller, Parent, Concord
- N. All Together Now: How Parents and School Personnel Can Make Inclusion Work in Their School (SA)** **Conway Room**
Frank Sgambati, Project Coordinator, Institute on Disability
UAP, University of New Hampshire, Concord
- O. Community-Building and Commitment-Building with PATH (G)** **Bedford Room**
Dave and Faye Wetherow, Community Works,
Parksville, B.C., Canada
- P. IDEA Changes: What, Why, When, and How? (SA)** **Portsmouth Room**
Bonnie Dunham, Parent, Parent Information Center, Concord

*Please Remember to Turn in Evaluation Form at the Conference Registration Table,
If not staying for Sunday's Activities.*

Saturday Afternoon Activities 4:30 — 6:00 PM

4:30 – 6:00 PM Free Time/Leisure Activities

- * Steam & Sauna Rooms
- * Indoor Swimming Pool & Whirlpool
- * Fitness Center - Fee
- * In Room Massage Treatments - Fee
- * Jogging Trails
- * Medieval Hat Decorating

Amherst Room

4:30 – 5:00 PM Family Support Conference Planning Committee Social - Come Join Us!!!!

Hanover Room

Come join the 2006 planning committee for some light refreshments and learn how you can participate in the 2007 Conference Planning Committee. Hear how being a committee member is a wonderful opportunity to meet other NH parents, share your valuable ideas, and have an important role in the success of the NH Family Support Conference. All who attend will receive an extra door prize ticket.

Saturday Evening Dinner and Auction

COME ALL YE LORDS AND LADIES AND JOIN US FOR OUR EVENING FESTIVITIES WEARING YOUR MOST HEART OF HEARTS DECORATED OUTFIT AND/OR MEDIEVAL HAT OR JUST COME AS YOU ARE AND HAVE FUN!!!!

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Dinner

Grand Ballroom

7:00 – 7:30 PM

Evening Address

John A. Stephen, Commissioner

NH Department of Health and Human Services
Concord, NH

7:30 – 8:30 PM

Dessert and Auction

Grand Ballroom

Auctioneer: Brian Collins

We will have several spectacular items to auction off while you are enjoying your dessert. Bring some extra cash and join in on the fun!!!

Saturday Evening Dance

8:30—12:00 AM

Heart of Hearts Medieval Dance

Music by DJ Franklin Brock

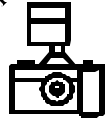


Lots of Fun!!!!!!!



Lots of Dancing!!!!

Polaroid Pictures



9:00 - 12:00 AM

Adult Karaoke in the Lounge

Music By Jim Spiller

JMS Enterprises NH

Ashwood Court



Open only to those 18 years
of age and older!



Sunday – May 7, 2006 – !!!GOOD MORNING!!!

Church Services Information Available at Front Desk

Important: Room Check Out – No Later Than 1:00 PM

8:00 – 11:00 AM

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Sunday – May 7 – WORKSHOPS: SESSION III 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Q. Sibshop (SA)

Conway Room

Karin Harvey-Olson, Coordinator, Sibling Program,
Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Region 6, Nashua

R. Free to be 3...4...5... (EC)

Windham Room

Jackie Sparks, Director, Children Unlimited, Conway,
Deirdre O'Hare, Nashua Area Child Care Resource and
Referral, Nashua

**S. Microboards: Moving Forward with the
Family Model (A)**

Hollis Room

Dave and Fay Wetherow, Community Works,
Parksville, B.C., Canada

T. Stress Reduction to Go, Please (G)

Northwood Room

Barbara-Joyce Reed, M.Ed., Concord

**U. The Value of Friendships—Supporting
Relationships for Your Child ((EC)**

Bedford Room

Marlyn Curtin, Parent, Bow

**V. “The Diagnostic Journey: Addressing the
Question of a Medical Diagnosis” (EC SA)**

Amherst Room

John Moeschler, MD, Director, Clinical Genetics, Department of
Pediatrics, Dartmouth Medical School, Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Medical Center, Lebanon

Sunday - May 7 - WORKSHOPS - SESSION III - (9:30 - 11:00 AM) - Continued:

W. Discovering Craniosacral Therapy (G)

Chesterfield Room

Karen T. Arnold, MS, OTR, Concord

11:00 - 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 - 11:30 PM

Acknowledgements

Grand Ballroom

Marge Louney, Associate Conference Coordinator,
Parent, Bedford, Transition Coordinator,
and Parent to Parent Coordinator, Region VII
Manchester

11:30 - 12:45 PM

**Reflections from this Year's
Conference and What Lies Ahead?**

Grand Ballroom

*What are parents' greatest fears, what are their hopes and dreams, and what lies on the horizon for parents of children with disabilities? Panel members will provide an overview of the common themes that were evident at this year's conference and put these themes into the perspective of state and national trends and policy. **This is an important session!!!!** You are encouraged to attend to learn how to meet the challenges that lie ahead and to make a difference in the life of your child and all children. **You are the Future of Family Support!!!!***

Jan Nisbet, Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, Durham

Matthew Ertas, Administrator, NH Bureau Developmental Services, Concord

David and Faye Wetherow, Community Works, Parksville, BC, Canada

Gary Dietz, Parent, Brookline



*Please Remember to Turn in Evaluation Forms and
Receive an Extra Door Prize Ticket*



12:45 - 2:00 PM

Brunch

Grand Ballroom

2:00 - 2:30 PM

Door Prizes

Grand Ballroom

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Thank You for Attending