



# E-CONNECT NEWS

*The Moore Center Legislative Updates*

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## The House Passed The Budget Onto The Senate

*From our friends at Gateways...*

The NH House failed to pass a budget for the next biennium. Crossover Day arrived, when all House bills go over to the Senate, and all Senate bills go to the House for action. The Senate is now responsible for putting together the bill providing the budget for the state. They will presumably start with the Governor's budget request and try to craft a budget that will get the support of both houses, and provide sufficient funding for the myriad of programs that people depend on. Once the Senate has finished its work, there will be a Committee of Conference, composed of House and Senate members, to work out a document that will pass both houses and go to the governor for his signature.



The Senate Budget Committee will be meeting with department heads during the last week in April. It is anticipated that the public hearing on the budget will take place early in May. At this time, no date has been announced. There will be no regional hearings, but instead, a single marathon session beginning in the afternoon, and after a recess for dinner, continuing until late in the evening. Please stay tuned for a confirmed date and time!

We ask that you open the testimony that we used with the House, and simply change the people to whom it is addressed. 8 copies will be needed. If you have your "People Can't Wait" button, get ready to wear it again.

We need more families to submit testimony. If you cannot make it to the hearing, submit it to [jillian.clemans@moorecenter.org](mailto:jillian.clemans@moorecenter.org), and we will turn it in for you.

Thank you for your continued participation in the budget and legislative process - it makes a world of difference for the people being supported statewide.

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## How To Create Great Testimony

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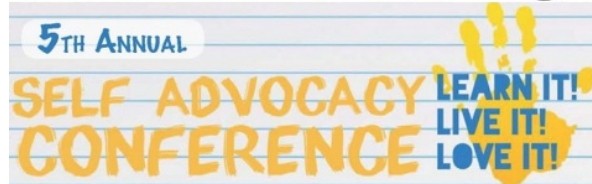
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For more information, email Heather Donnell at [hdonnell@csni.org](mailto:hdonnell@csni.org)

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## 5th Annual Self-Advocacy Conference

Advocate NH is hosting their 5th Annual Self-Advocacy Conference on May 5th in Concord. This is a full day conference with several spotlight sessions discussing different aspects of self-advocacy. These sessions include advocating for one's own financial needs, learning to meet new friends and build relationships with others, learning about rights and responsibilities related to individual services, sharing thoughts and feelings about self-determination with service providers, and strategies for putting one's best foot forward.



Moore Center clients that participate in our Rising Stars and Dream Catchers 2.0 groups are presenting at different spotlight sessions throughout the conference, and we are very excited for this opportunity for them!

The cost is \$30 per person, and Direct Support Providers that attend while supporting clients receive free admission. The Moore Center is sponsoring the conference with a \$1,000 scholarship which will allow 33 Region 7 clients to attend the conference free of charge!

If you are interested in attending, you may [register here](#). Contact Chet Bobola at (603) 206-2838 or [chet.bobola@moorecenter.org](mailto:chet.bobola@moorecenter.org) to check if scholarship funding codes are still available. The scholarship is first come, first served.

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