

STEPPING STONE & NEXT STEP

PEER SUPPORT CENTERS
JUNE 2023



Stepping Stone 108 Pleasant Street Claremont, NH 03743 603-543-1388 Next Step 109 Bank Street Lebanon, NH 03766 603-448-6941

www.steppingstonenextstep.org



What gives you peace?

When people share their value with me.

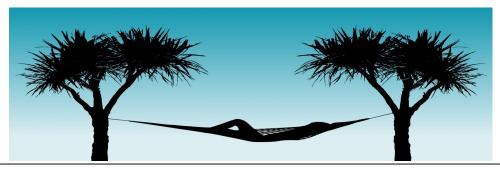
I am at the most peace when I'm sleeping.

All my worries become dreams and challenges.

Knowing that my feelings are valid.

That suffering does not have a hold anymore.

I can let go!



If you are interested in contributing a story, poem, or other idea, please call Shanon at 603-543-1388.

hange to June's schedule

Next Step

6/16, Open 3-7 PM; 6/23, Open 11 AM-7 PM

Stepping Stone

6/16, Closed; 6/23, Open 11 AM-4 PM

CHANGES TO WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE CENTERS

Effective 6/1/23:

 The porch at Stepping Stone is open to Members. We require you sign in with staff before entering the porch.

Group Schedule via zoom:

9-10 AM Nutrition NO GROUPS-6/5-9, 16, 19, 20, 23, 30

Computer: Go to https://zoom.us/j/641939622

Zoom App on your Smartphone or tablet: Select Join a Meeting, enter Meeting ID 641939622

Phone: Call 1-646-558-8656, enter Meeting ID 641939622#, for password press #

11 AM-Noon Check-in NO GROUPS-6/5-9, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23, 30

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Juicy Lucy Burger

- 1½ pounds ground chuck
 - Salt & Pepper to taste
- 4 slices of cheese
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 hamburger buns



In a small bowl, combine the salt and pepper and set aside. Divide the beef into 4 equal portions and halve each portion for a total of 8 equal portions. Place 1 slice of cheese in the middle of 4 patties. Fold the cheese corners to the middle of each cheese slice so there is no overhang. Place patty (without cheese) on top of one of the patties with cheese. Pinch the edges together to ensure the cheese stays inside the patty when cooked/melted. Repeat this process until all 4 cheese-filled patties are formed. Heat the oil in a large pan over medium heat for 2 minutes. Add the burgers and cook for 3-4 minutes until a good sear is formed and the edges begin to brown. Gently flip the burgers over and sear the second side, about 3-4 more minutes. Transfer the burgers to a paper towel-lined plate. Assemble the burgers and add your favorite burger toppings. (Be careful when taking the first bite – the hot cheese can squirt out.) Serve and enjoy!

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Our Vision: We envision a world where peer support promotes social change and eliminates the stigma associated with mental health.

Our Mission: To support our mental health peers on their personal paths toward wellness within a community free from judgment where we share feelings, experiences, and tools in a respectful way.

Our programs are funded in part by a SAMHSA Block Grant and the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Our supports are free to NH residents.



Suggestion Boxes are at both sites for your ideas and suggestions regarding the Centers. Please place your constructive suggestions in the box. Your name is optional.

"I believe everything happens for a reason.

People change so that you can learn to let go, things go wrong so that you appreciate them when they are right, you believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself, and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together."

> -Marilyn Monroe -born June 1, 1926



The Giving Room

You may shop by appointment only and must be accompanied by staff on the following days: Next Step - All day Monday and Thursday.

Stepping Stone - Monday, 11 AM-12 PM & 1-2 PM; Wednesday, 1-3 PM; Saturday, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Are you looking for a part-time job with flexible hours?

<u>Drivers</u>: We are seeking two part-time drivers to provides transportation based on the needs of the organization (e.g., staff to meetings, worksites, and trainings) and its Members (e.g., to and from the Centers, trainings, meetings, and community-based services). A company vehicle is available for travel during working hours. Visit www.steppingstonenextstep.org or either Center for a complete job description and application.

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma or GED.
- Valid driver's license, reliable transportation, violation-free driving record.
- Minimum of 5 years driving experience.
- Ability to manage time to ensure adherence to the transportation schedule.
- Proven ability to adhere to strict confidentiality standards.
- Willingness to learn.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.Ability to lift a minimum of 25 pounds, walk up and down stairs, and sit for a majority of the workday.
- Familiarity with GPS devices and maps.





Educational Events in June:

Please join us for two NAMI In Our Own Voice presentations:

- Tuesday, 6/13, 1 PM, at Stepping Stone
- Wednesday, 6/28, 1 PM, at Next Step

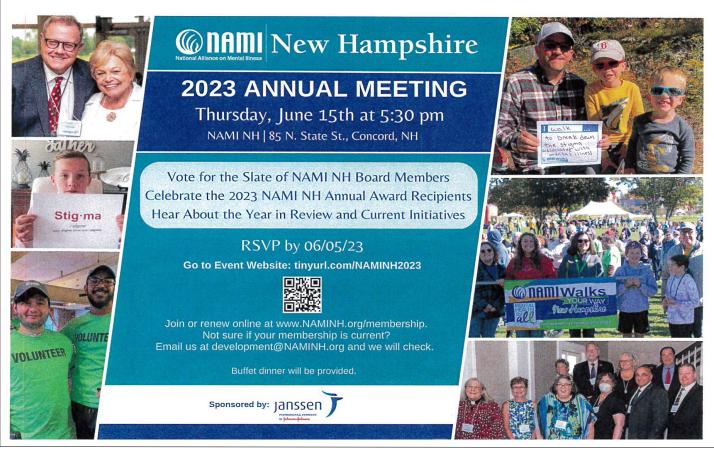
"NAMI In Our Own Voice presentations change attitudes, assumptions and ideas about people with mental health conditions. These free, 40-60-minute presentations provide a personal perspective of mental health conditions, as leaders with lived experience talk openly about what it's like to have a mental health condition.

This presentation provides:

- An opportunity to hear open and honest perspectives on a highly misunderstood topic
- A chance to ask leaders questions, allowing for a deeper understanding of mental health conditions and dispelling of stereotypes and misconceptions
- The understanding that people with mental health conditions have lives enriched by hopes, dreams, and goals
- Information on how to learn more about mental health and get involved with the mental health community"

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Changes in Medicaid as a result of the COVID Public Health Emergency (PHE) Declaration ending!!!!

<u>Re-determinations are now being scheduled</u>. You must respond to any mail or requests from the Medicaid office or your coverage will be terminated.

If you receive requests from Medicaid and are unsure of what to do please reach out to your Care Coordinator at WCBH immediately. No change will be made to a coverage until your redetermination date is reached. Do not send the paperwork in until requested!

If you do not have a Care Coordinator you can call **SERVICE LINK** for assistance. Claremont # 603-542-5177 Lebanon # 603-448-1558 Claremont District Medicaid Office # 603-542-9544

If you have had an increase in income you may now have a spend-down or lose Medicaid.

A spend-down is like a monthly deductible that must be met before your Medicaid is turned on. WCBH will charge you 10% of your spend-down amount each month.

If you had a spend-down before the PHE it will be reinstated. This means you will start to get bills every month from WCBH for your 10%.

You can contact Rachel Frank in our billing office if you have questions about a bill, at 603-448-0126 Option 4.

All Rules and requirements have been reinstated that were in effect prior to the Public Health Emergency Declaration!

52 W. Pleasant Street, Claremont, NH 03743 | 603.542.2578 | Fax: 603.542.5456 | 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response 833.710.6477 webb.org



WISH LIST patio table digital clock new chairs BINGO set

Board of Directors News

We're looking for volunteer Board members. If you can contribute your time and ideas and are interested in exploring this opportunity, contact Shanon Laferte at 603 543-1388, and she will give your contact information to the Governance Committee.

Office of Consumer & Family Affairs

Address: Main Building 105 Pleasant St Concord NH 03301 Email Address: OCFA@dhhs.nh.gov Phone: (603) 271-5045

The Office of Consumer & Family Affairs Name Change Survey



Help the Office of Consumer & Family Affairs Choose a New Name!



Language matters, and it is past time to rename this office. We are seeking community input regarding the name change.

Please feel free to make your preference known by selecting from the options in the survey at the link below, or by submitting your own ideas. We want to hear from you. Share this survey with other community members to encourage all to have a say in what we are moving towards.

Survey Link: OCFA Name Change Survey or go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCFAnamechange



~reprinted from https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/health-care/mental-health/office-consumer-family-affairs



OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT, ASSIST, & EMPOWER THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE IMPACTED BY HIV & HEPATITIS C TO LIVE FULLY WITH DIGNITY. AND TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THESE VIRUSES THROUGH EDUCATION & UNDERSTANDING.

SUPPORT FOR ANYONE LIVING WITH OR AT RISK FOR HIV & VIRAL HEPATITIS:

SYRINGE ACCESS, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND COMMUNITY **EDUCATION**

> 2 BLACKSMITH STREET LEBANON, NH (603) 448-8887 (800) 816-2220 www.h2rc.org



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- **Overdose Prevention Training**
- Hepatitis C & HIV prevention, testing and referrals to care
- **Education & Referrals**
- Connection to recovery support, medical and social services
- Help signing up for health insurance and other support services

Meeting You Where You're At.

For more information or to schedule a meetup:

Ryan (603) 276-9698 Ryan@HZRC.org Laura (603) 306-1105

Laura@H2RC.org

Great News! Starting in June...

Next Step-



Community Eats is moving to Fridays at 4:30 PM! We will order pizza, and have fresh fruit and veggies from Willing Hands.

Stepping Stone-



Community Eats is staying on Tuesdays at 12 PM. Once a month we will order pizza and have fresh fruit and veggies from Willing Hands.





Location

62 Pleasant St. Claremont, NH 03743 603-287-7127



141 Mascoma Street, Lebanon, NH 03766 Phone: 603-448-4872 Email: info@headrest.org

Headrest supports individuals and their families, friends and neighbors affected by substance use, navigating recovery, or in crisis, by providing effective programs and treatment options that support prevention and long-term recovery. Headrest will never turn anyone away.

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/recoveryresourcecenter

We believe that the key to long-term recovery is a strong foundation of support and community. We host an array of peer-based, non-clinical programs, and services including recovery coaching, support groups, educational workshops, and drug-free/sober community events.



Mon-Thu 8:30am-6pm

Fri 8:30am-4pm

713 Hartford Ave, White River Junction, Vermont ∞ 802-295-6500 info@uppervalleyhaven.org

-a non-profit, private organization that serves people struggling with poverty by providing food, shelter, education, service coordination, and other support.

Southwestern Community Services

96-102 Main Street Claremont, NH 03743 Phone: 603.542.9528 Toll Free: 800.529.0005

TTY-NH Relay: 800.735.2964





Please call the Sullivan County shelter at 603 542.3160 for more information about the Emergency Shelter Program or Housing Stabilization Counseling.



The Lifeline accepts calls from anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental health or substance use crisis.

988 does not have geolocation capabilities, so if calling from a non-603 number, continue to use 833-710-6477 to reach the NH Access Point.



How to Reach Us

Stepping Stone Next Step

Phone: 603-543-1388 Phone: 603-448-6941

Fax: 603-543-0131 Fax: 603-448-0702

Center hours: Center hours: Sunday 11 AM-3 PM Monday 9 AM-4 PM Tuesday 9 AM-5 PM

Tuesday 9 AM–4 PM Wednesday 9 AM–5 PM
Wednesday 9 AM–4 PM Thursday 9 AM–5 PM
Thursday 9 AM–4 PM Friday 9 AM–7 PM

Friday 9 AM-4 PM Saturday 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Saturday 11 AM–4 PM

Peer Support Warmline

Our Warmline is available Sunday-Thursday, 4-9 PM;

Friday, 4-8 PM: Saturday, 4-9 PM.

To reach our Warmline, call 603-543-1388. If calling long

distance within NH, you may call toll free at 888-582-0920.

Peer Respite in New Hampshire

H.E.A.R.T.S. Peer Support Center of Greater Nashua 5 Pine Street Extension Suite 1-G PO Box 1564

Nashua NH 03060

Telephone: (603) 864-8769

Monadnock Peer Support

24 Vernon Street Keene, NH 03431

Telephone: (603) 352-5093

NH Recovery Oriented Step-Up/Step-Down Programs (SUSD)

Connections Peer Support Center

161 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood, NH 03261 603.427.6966 Office; 603.373.6519 Fax kali@connectionspeersupport.org

H.E.A.R.T.S. Peer Support Center

5 Pine St. Ext. 1G, Nashua, NH 03060 603.882.8400 Office; 603.864.8482 Fax cherylt@heartspsa.com

Monadnock Area Peer Support

24 Vernon Street, Keene, NH 03431 603.352.5093 Office; 603.550.5506 Fax karen@monadnockpsa.org

On the Road to Wellness

59 Sheffield Road, Manchester, NH 03103 603.232.6250 Office; 603.232.6158 Fax susd@otrtw.org





Upcoming Events & Meeting

Community Meetings

Stepping Stone, Tuesday, 1-2 PM Next Step, Wednesday, 1-2 PM

> Newsletter Workgroup Monday, 6/12, 10-11 AM Stepping Stone

Educational Event
Tuesday, 6/13, 1 PM
n Our Own Voice
with Kevin O'Brien
Stepping Stone

NH Mental Health Peer Alliance

Tuesday, 6/20, 10 AM—12 PM
Via computer or smartphone:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?
pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyOU40ck5hOlozZz09

Meeting ID: 840 7178 5517 Password: 269641

Educational Event
Wednesday, 6/28, 1 PM
In Our Own Voice
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NH Behavioral Health Planning &

Advisory Council
Meets quarterly in January, April,
July, and October.



