



# STEPPING STONE & NEXT STEP

## PEER SUPPORT CENTERS

### MARCH 2024

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](http://www.steppingstonenextstep.org)

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 ☆ Members Spotlight *-a place for your thoughts on peer support to take center stage* ☆  
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Spring is here, let it come  
 Bright and vibrant, for everyone.  
 Let our minds be open, stretch ourselves out  
 Take a minute to look around you, and have no doubt.  
 Today is a new day to see something blossom  
 Spring is here, let it come.



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



### to March's schedule

Next Step  
3/8, Open 11 AM-7 PM

Stepping Stone  
3/8, Open 11-4 PM

### Stepping Stone NEW hours effective 3/1!!

Monday: 8 AM-6:30 PM  
 Tuesday: 8 AM-4:30 PM  
 Wednesday: 8 AM-4:30 PM  
 Thursday: 8 AM-4:30 PM  
 Friday: 8 AM-4 PM



### Group Schedule via zoom:

9-10 AM Nutrition NO GROUPS– 3/8

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– 3/12

Computer: Go to <https://zoom.us/j/95084929764>

Zoom App on your Smartphone or tablet: Select *Join a Meeting*, enter Meeting ID 95084929764

Phone: Call 1-646-558-8656, enter Meeting ID 95084929764#, for password press #



On the 3rd Friday of every month at Stepping Stone, we have a cake to celebrate all the birthdays in the month.



On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, Next Step will have cake to celebrate all the birthdays in the month.

Please join us for cake and celebration.

### Warming Shelter

- Trinity Church at 120 Broad Street, Claremont.
- Use the side door.
- Open on nights below 28° through 3/15/2024, or if there is bad weather. The best place to get the latest update is to go to <https://www.facebook.com/babystepsfamilyassistance/>

### Quote of the Month

“Follow your instincts and do not let other people’s opinion of you become you opinion of yourself.”

-Sarah Jessica Parker

-born March 25, 1965



**SUPPORT**

Please show your **SUPPORT** by purchasing a \$2.50 **Community Bag** from Hannaford, 220 Washington St , in Claremont. Stepping Stone receives \$1 for every bag purchased in the month of March.

### Strawberry Feta Tossed Salad



- 6 cups torn mixed salad greens
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1 package (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup sunflower kernels
- Balsamic vinaigrette

**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.

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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.



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



### MOBILE SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Anonymous, confidential & COST-FREE  
BY APPOINTMENT  
UPPER VALLEY VT & NH

We offer:

- **Support For People Who Use Drugs**
- **Harm Reduction Supplies** syringes and safer injection works
- **Narcan & Fentanyl Test Strips**
- **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@H2RC.org

*RFOWLER@H2RC.ORG*

Laura (603) 306-1105

Laura@H2RC.org

### 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.



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.

# FREE The Giving Room FREE

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.



Dartmouth  
Health



## Coordinated Specialty Care

An evidence-based, early intervention program serving young adults who are experiencing a first episode of psychosis.

Coordinated Specialty Care is a recovery-oriented treatment program which promotes shared decision making and uses a team of specialists who works with clients to create a personal treatment plan. The specialists provide services to clients with first episode psychosis by offering:

Medication Management

Psychotherapy

Supported Employment and Education

Family Education and Support

The Coordinated Specialty Care program at West Central Behavioral Health is a collaboration with a team at Dartmouth Health. The program uses a combination of in person visits and telehealth to deliver treatment.

**Enrollment for this program is open for individuals 18 years and older, living in Southern Grafton and Sullivan County.**

**For more information about Coordinated Specialty Care, please contact:**

**West Central Behavioral Health  
New Clients/Intake Line 603-542-5128**

In New Hampshire we make connections, not judgments.  
**Reach out.**

In need of mental health or substance use support? Call, text or share this card with a friend in need.



[dhhs.nh.gov/strongasgranite](http://dhhs.nh.gov/strongasgranite)

**833-710-6477**

NH Rapid Response

**988**

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

**211**

Your Local Doorway for Substance Use Resources

24/7. Confidential, no cost to you.



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

24 Hanover St.  
Lebanon, NH 03766  
603-790-3779

**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.



141 Mascoma Street, Lebanon, NH 03766

Phone: 603-448-4872

Email: [info@headrest.org](mailto: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.



Mon-Thu 8:30am-6pm

Fri 8:30am-4pm

Food Shelf opens at 9 am

713 Hartford Ave, White River Junction, Vermont ∞ 802-295-6500 [info@uppervalleyhaven.org](mailto: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.

## How to Reach Us

### Stepping Stone

Phone: 603-543-1388

Fax: 603-543-0131

#### **Center hours:**

Monday 8 AM–6:30 PM

Tuesday 8 AM–4:30 PM

Wednesday 8 AM–4:30 PM

Thursday 8 AM–4:30 PM

Friday 8 AM–4 PM

### Next Step

Phone: 603-448-6941

Fax: 603-448-0702

#### **Center hours:**

Monday 9 AM–3 PM

Tuesday 9 AM–5 PM

Wednesday 9 AM–5 PM

Thursday 9 AM–5 PM

Friday 9 AM–7 PM

Saturday 10:30 AM–2:30 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.

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### 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@heartpsa.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, 3/11, 10-11 AM

Stepping Stone

### Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, 3/13, 3:30-4:30 PM

#### **via computer:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115911999?pwd=M>

[GxxUUw5RG9jb0RpbUxrMGVqZXB6Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115911999?pwd=M)

Meeting ID: 871 1591 1999

Passcode: 684790

#### **via smartphone or Tablet:**

+13126266799,,87115911999#,,,,\*684790#  
US (Chicago)

+16465588656,,87115911999#,,,,\*684790#  
US (New York)

#### **via Telephone:**

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 871 1591 1999

Passcode: 684790

### NH Mental Health Peer Alliance

Tuesday, 3/19, 10 AM–12 PM

Via computer or smartphone:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyQU40ck5hQlozZz09)  
[pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyQU40ck5hQlozZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyQU40ck5hQlozZz09)

Meeting ID: 840 7178 5517

Password: 269641

### Educational Event

Tuesday, 3/26, 1-2 PM

HIV/HCV

With Laura Byrne

Stepping Stone

### Educational Event

Wednesday, 3/27, 1-2 PM

HIV/HCV

With Laura Byrne

Next Step

### NH Mental Health Planning & Advisory Council

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