STEPPING STONE & NEXT STEP PEER SUPPORT CENTERS APRIL 2025

Stepping Stone 132 Pleasant Street, Suite 1 Claremont, NH 03743 603-543-1388 Next Step 109 Bank Street Lebanon, NH 03766 603.448.6941



Some Easter Humor

By: Heather Bachler

Long ago, far away through space and time, spun a purple shiny light. Like a portal to another place, I looked through and saw a small village of bunnies with a special headset. I could hear them talking. They were saying one of the bunnies took their eggs. The blame was always put on poor Silly Cottontail and Pinky Cottontail. Until one day, Cuddly Willy Wager noticed a beautiful garden that belonged to Bugsy Flippy Toes. Suddenly there was little Fluffy Jellybean hungry and alone and without knowing, took some food from Bugsy Flippy Toes' garden. He hopped away to meet up with Patches Wiggle Nose and Bugsy Snuffle Fluff to help find the missing eggs. They are to be painted down the trail. They hopped as fast as they could then low and behold, the trail came to an end. That's where all the bunnies caught Playful Snuffle Fluff and Bugsy Sweet Bottom trying to throw paint on Skippy Wiggle Nose.

What ever happened to the eggs?

(see page 2 for the Bunny Name game)



A shout out to our driver from Pam Lamott

Communication, Respectful, Day to day life, Compassionate, Empathetic, Willingness, Helpful......Thank you Bob!!

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



Word Search books
Kitchen knife set
New 6' Christmas tree
Canvas to paint

Change to April's schedule

Next Step

4/11, Open 1-7 PM

4/12, Closed

4/18, Open 11 AM-7 PM

Stepping Stone

4/18, Open 12-4 PM

A Cooking Lesson

Thursday, 4/24, 11 AM-1 PM, Next Step

Please sign up for transportation from Stepping Stone.

Sign-up Deadline: Friday, 4/18.



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

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

Please join us for cake and celebration.

Ouote of the Month

"It's a wild thing, that people have the ability to help each other by just relating to one another."

> -Natasha Lyonne -born April 4, 1979





Tater Tot Nachos

- One 32-ounce bag Tater Tots
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ red onion, diced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
 - ½ pound fresh sausage

- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 1½ cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced
- 4 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- Sour cream, salsa, sliced avocado and pickled onions to serve

Preheat the oven to 425°. Spread the Tater Tots on a baking sheet in an even layer. Bake until they begin to turn golden, 10 to 12 minutes. Meanwhile, warm the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the red onion and cook until tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more. Crumble the sausage into the pan and sauté until cooked through, 7 to 8 minutes. Remove the Tater Tots from the oven and pour the sausage mixture evenly on top. Cover with the Cheddar and Monterey Jack and return to the oven to bake until the cheese is melted, 7 to 9 minutes. Remove the nachos from the oven and top with green onion, cilantro, sour cream, salsa, sliced avocado and pickled onions before serving.

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.



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- · Fentanyl and Xylazine 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

Laura (603) 306-1105 Laura@H2RC.org

Board of Directors <u>News</u>

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.



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 - All day Monday and Wednesday.





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

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

-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-5 PM Tuesday 8 AM-5 PM Wednesday 8 AM-5 PM Thursday 8 AM-5 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

Transportation Phone: 603 287-3231

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 & Meetings

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

NH Behavioral Health Planning & Advisory Council Tuesday, 4/8, 9:30 AM-12 PM

Sign up for transportation from either site. Or Via computer or smartphone:

https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/2680146033? pwd=UmxiaXI6VWswclFkcDR0aUZYUkp4dz09

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (312) 626 6799 Meeting ID: 268 014 6033 Password: 691279

Educational Event Wednesday, 4/9, 1-2 PM TLC Recovery Program with Andy Grenier Next Step

> Arbor View Connections Thursday, 4/10, 2-3 PM Sign up for transportation from either site.

Newsletter Workgroup Monday, 4/14, 11 AM-12 PM Next Step

Monday, 4/14, 1:30-2:30 PM Stepping Stone

NH Mental Health Peer Alliance Tuesday, 4/15, 10 AM—12 PM Via computer or smartphone: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517? pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyQU40ck5hQlozZz09

> Meeting ID: 840 7178 5517 Password: 269641

A Cooking Lesson Thursday, 4/24, 11 AM-1 PM Next Step Sign up for transportation from Stepping Stone.

Educational Event Tuesday, 4/29, 1-2 PM TLC Recovery Program with Liz Morse-Boynton Stepping Stone