

STEPPING STONE & NEXT STEP PEER SUPPORT CENTERS

JANUARY 2026



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



Peer my Friend

By: Pam Lamott

I appreciate you and how you make me feel I belong. You've shown me compassion, dedication and encouragement.

Peer my Friend, you are truly genuine, full of heart and interaction. You have shown me kindness, love and mindfulness.

You notice even the littlest details. You are open, pleasant and have great qualities.

Peer my Friend you've shown me respect, supported me through my journey. You've shown me how to trust again and that uniqueness makes us stand out.

Peer my Friend, I value our connection. You are the wind beneath my wings.

Thank you Peer my Friend.

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



Word Search books
Canvas to paint on
Art projects
Standing floor lamp
Full length mirror
Christmas cards



to January's schedule

Next Step 1/9, Open 11 AM-7 PM Stepping Stone
1/9, Open 12-4 PM

1/22 & 1/23-No Transportation



HOOD MUSEUM OF ART

Hood Museum 11 AM

Cooking Lesson at Next Step 12:30 PM

Thursday, 1/29, Lebanon

Please give your \$3 deposit and sign up for transportation from either site.

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday, 1/20

If you are interested in learning more about cooking, please sign up and join the group for a lesson.







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

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



Please join us for cake and celebration.

Cauliflower Parm

- •Large head of cauliflower cut into 1 inch vertical planks, stems trimmed.
- •3 tablespoon of Olive oil
- •Salt & pepper, to taste
- •1 1/2 cups marinara sauce

- •1/4 cup grated parmesan, divided
- •1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- •1/4 cup basil leaves (optional)
- •Crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

Pre-heat oven to 425°F. Arrange cauliflower in single layer on rimmed baking sheet. Brush both sides with oil. Season with salt and pepper. Roast, flipping once, until cauliflower is tender and golden (about 35 minutes). Remove from oven and top each with marinara. Sprinkle with mozzarella and half of the parmesan. Switch oven to broil, and broil cauliflower until cheese is bubbly and golden (3 minutes). Serve with remaining parmesan, basil leaves and red pepper flakes.



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.



OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT,
ASSIST, & EMPOWER
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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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We offer:

- Support For People Who Use Drugs
- Harm Reduction Supplies syringes and safer injection works
- · Narcan
- · 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 News

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



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.

Quote of the Month

ommittee.

"Things are always happening to me. I'm that sort of bear."

-Michael Bond -born January 13, 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 - 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.



Groups Descriptions

******Next Step*****



<u>Walking Group</u>—Come join our walking group. We will walk for 30-60 minutes. GET YOUR BLOOD PUMPING!

<u>Puzzles and games</u>—Do you like playing games or working on puzzles? Come join our group and have some fun!

<u>Creative Writing</u>—Do you have a creative side? Let it flow out through writing. Express yourself on paper.

<u>Intentional Peer Support</u>—Intentional Peer Support is different than other types of support in that we are mutual with each other. We talk about hope-based rather than fear-based issues. This is about building healthy relationships for ourselves and the world. Let's get to know each other and learn from each other as we brainstorm together what support looks like.

<u>WHAM</u>—Join us for a discussion about various wellness tools and techniques. From mindful to peer supportive relationships. We will be sharing our experiences around wellness and finding new ways to be as healthy and happy as we can be. As experts on ourselves, we have unique and individualized experiences the are valuable and worth sharing.

<u>Patterns</u>, <u>Behaviors</u>, <u>& Relationships</u>—Identifying patterns in our behaviors that keep us feeling "stuck" is the first step. What can we change or learn from about why we do things this way or what could we do differently for a better outcome? So, let's discuss and find some new and better ways of living. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different results.

<u>Community Meeting</u>—Come join Members, volunteers, staff, and visitors to find out what is going on at the Centers, hear news, learn about changes, voice your concerns, and vote on issues. *We each have a voice, so let's use it.*

<u>Meditation & Relaxation</u>—Feeling stressed? Come join our group and find way to deal with these feelings!

<u>Check-in</u>—Checking-in gives Members a chance to learn things about each other and build value for each other's interests, talents, and circumstances. Please join us as we generate a compassionate community and make some new acquaintances.

<u>Art Wellness</u>—Creativity is an important wellness tool. Self expression has a powerful impact on our wellbeing. It increases positive emotion and can reduce stress. Creativity is a wellness practice, so let's go make something together!

<u>Life Goals</u>—You are ready to take charge, exercise your LIFE GOALS and recreate your life in a way that will enhance MOVING TOWARDS what you want! In order to make long lasting and meaningful change you must begin to distinguish who you are and what you want in life. So let's set some LIFE GOALS and talk about them every week.

Community Eats—Come join us in having a bite to eat, fuel our bodies, and enhance our relationships.

<u>Inspirational True-Life Experiences</u>—Join us as we look for inspiration in our lives as well as news stories from around our area and around the world. There is good stuff happening!

Movie & Conversation—Come watch a movie and share your thoughts.

Empathy Group—Feeling tired, alone or sad? Come join us for empathy group where we may be able to relate and find comfort as we share these difficult feelings. We will be practicing IPS and empathy vs. sympathy as we learn and grow together. Let's try and bring hope to one another.

<u>Community Healing</u>—As our life proceeds, we experience both joy and trauma on many levels. We want to support one another and share what we find healing and what is difficult. What many of us forget to look at is that communities need healing as well. As we discuss healing, let's consider the whole community and how we can heal together.



Groups Descriptions (continues)

******Stepping Stone******



<u>Journaling/Writing</u> - Can you express yourself better on paper? Does writing help clear your mind? Come join us and let's get creative!

<u>Addiction</u>—Do you have or have you had an addiction? Come share positive ways to approach real situations. Share the struggles you may be having. You might find support in ways you didn't realize you needed!

Proactive Behaviors—Do you want to be aware of your behavior and how you interact with others? Come bring your positive thoughts and actions to the group.

Movie & Conversation—Come watch a movie and share your thoughts.

Community Eats—Come join us in having a bite to eat, fuel our bodies, and enhance our relationships.

<u>Stretching</u>—Come join us with light stretching to loosen up our bodies after a meal.

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<u>Nutrition</u>—Interested in changing some eating habits? Do you want to be healthier but don't know how? Come join our group and learn ways to eat what we love, with nutrition mixed in! Let's get after it!!!

Rhythms & Expression—Do you have positive ways to express yourself? Another way to show how you're feeling? Come share and explore together and create ways of expression.

<u>Community Healing and Personal Healing</u>—As our life proceeds, we experience both joy and trauma on many levels. We want to support one another and share what we find healing and what is difficult. What many of us forget to look at is that communities need healing as well. As we discuss healing, let's consider the whole community and how we can heal together.

<u>Collaging & Paper Crafts</u>—Bring your style and design to this group! Design your personality or your feelings that day on paper! We will work on projects individually and is open to anyone. Materials will be provided, and you may also bring your own.

<u>Walking Group</u>—Come join our walking group. We will walk for 30-60 minutes. GET YOUR BLOOD PUMPING!!

<u>True Emotions</u>—Let's inspire and support each other in reaching our goals while we stay focused on what makes us happy in life. We'll talk about moving toward what we want using peer support. We will use the teachings of IPS and Co-reflection.

<u>Discussion relating to IPS</u>—Come join us in a safe & healthy conversation in all depths of IPS.

<u>Rock on Cardio</u>—Come join us for some fun and movement. We will exercise using DVD's, YouTube and Yoga.

<u>Puzzles and games</u>—Do you like playing games or working on puzzles? Come join our group and have some fun!

<u>Art Wellness</u>—Enjoy working in all mediums, creating projects for your own portfolio or to contribute to Stepping Stone portfolio.

<u>Check-in/Goals</u>—Checking-in gives Members a chance to learn things about each other as people and build value for each other's interests, talents, and circumstances. Please join us as we generate a compassionate community and make some new acquaintances.

How to Reach Us



Stepping Stone

Phone: 603-543-1388

Fax: 603-287-8436

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

By appointment only Tuesday-Friday 8 AM-3 PM

Peer Support Warmline

Phone: 603-543-1388 or toll free in NH at 888-582-0920

Sunday-Thursday, 4-9 PM Friday, 4-8 PM Saturday, 4-9 PM

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

<u>Educational Event</u> Member Rights with Corey Sheehan Tuesday, 1/6, 1-2 PM, Stepping Stone Wednesday, 1/7, 1-2 PM, Next Step

> Arbor View Connections Thursday, 1/8, 2-3 PM

Sign up for transportation from either site.

Newsletter Workgroup Monday, 1/12, 11 AM-12 PM Next Step

> Monday, 1/12, 2-3 PM Stepping Stone

NH Behavioral Health Planning

& Advisory Council

Tuesday, 1/13, 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=UmxiaXl6VWswclFkcDR0aUZYUkp4dz09

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

> Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, 1/14, 3:30-4:30 PM via zoom, Stepping Stone via computer:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115911999?pwd=MGxxUUw5RG9jb0 RpbUxrMGVqZXB6Zz09

> Meeting ID: 871 1591 1999 Passcode: 684790

via smartphone or Tablet:

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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, 1/20, 10 AM-12 PM via computer or smartphone: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517? pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyQU40ck5hQlozZz09

> Meeting ID: 840 7178 5517 Password: 269641

Hood Museum & Cooking Lesson at Next Step

Thursday, 1/29 11 AM Hood Museum 12:30 PM Cooking Lesson at Next Step Sign up for transportation and pay your \$3 deposit at either site.