



NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative



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Collaborative News

NH Children's Behavioral Health Summit October 6th, 2015

NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative will be hosting our annual Summit on October 6th. Be sure to register early as all workshops are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

[**Register Today!**](#)



Collaborative Bounty

As we head into the fall, it is tempting to write about the Collaborative's harvest: our partners and members have had a productive summer!

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FAST Forward Update

Funded by Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAMSHA), The FAST Forward Program (Families and Systems Together) is one of New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services of support for children, youth and families experiencing difficulties to day-to-day life residential treatment facility, psychiatric hospital, and juvenile justice facility.

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Mary Steady to Lead the Collaborative's Steering Committee

The NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative Steering Committee is pleased to announce the election of Mary Steady as its Chair. In this role, Mary will lead the Steering and Executive Committees and act as spokesperson for the Collaborative. This is a two-year term.

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Division for Children and Youth Families Teen Conference

FAST Forward Coordinator, Amanda Donoghue and Nate attended this year's Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Teen Conference. This conference is put together by youth involved with DCYF and supported by University of New Hampshire's Center for Professional Excellence. This year's theme identified by the youth in care was "You miss 100% of the shot you don't take".

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Project AWARE Launches in the Granite State

The Office of Student Wellness at the State of Nh Department of Education has begun the implementation of Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education). The goal of the five year, grant-funded program from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is to increase access to mental health services and to make schools safer.

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Light from Darkness: Lessons from the Parents of Sandy Hook

In August, the team working on both the Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative and Project AWARE had the honor of meeting two of those parents. Dr. Jeremy Richman, Ph.D. and Nelba Marquez-Greene, LMFT spoke at the Office of Student Wellness' Summer Technical Assistance training. Both Dr. Richman and Mrs. Marques-Greene spoke about their heartache, of course, but they also spoke about hope.

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Second Annual PBIS Conference Draws Sell-Out Crowd

The second annual Conference on School Culture, Climate, and Positive Behavior Support took place on August 12th and 13th, 2015 at SERESC Event and Conference Center in Bedford, NH.

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News from NAMI New Hampshire

Lace up your sneakers and come help Stomp Out Stigma the 13th Annual NAMIWalks NH on Sunday, October 4th! With over 750 walkers, NAMIWalks NH is the single largest awareness raising event around mental illness in the Granite State.

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New Hampshire School Administrators Association resolution

The New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) is dedicated to providing the best possible public education for the children to New Hampshire. The membership includes superintendents of schools, assistant superintendents, school business officials, special education directors, curriculum coordinators, and other system administrators.

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Cultural and Linguistic Competence

FAST (Families and Systems Together) Forward has been serving families for a little over a year now, and as this program grows, so does New Hampshire's knowledge of Cultural and Linguistic Competence (CLC). CLC refers to the beliefs, behaviors, knowledge, skills, and systems through which individuals and organizations demonstrate empathy and understanding of and respect for the values, historical context, expectations, language and experiences of diverse populations.

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