



## Transition Related Resources

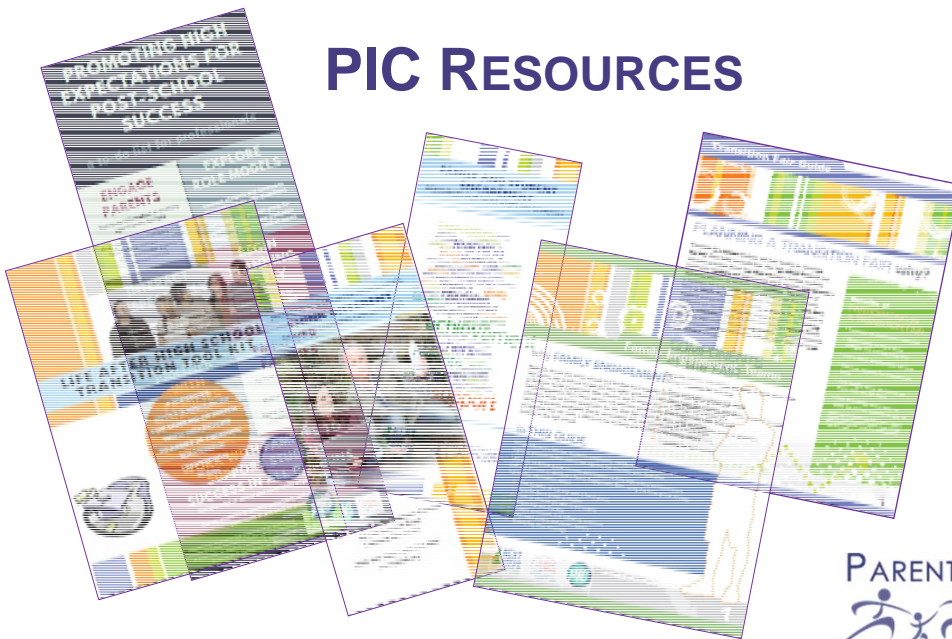
### Families

- ✓ Time for Transition Chats
- ✓ Online Training Modules
- ✓ Individual Telephone Support
- ✓ Family Workshops
- ✓ Nationally Recognized Written Materials

### Professionals/Systems

- ✓ Family Engagement Strategies
- ✓ Reflective Practice
- ✓ Developing a FE Team
- ✓ Planning, Hosting & Attending Transition Fairs
- ✓ Individual Telephone Support

## PIC RESOURCES



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### Introduction to the GCD and STABLE NH: Five Things to Know



- ❑ The GCD is New Hampshire's ADA resource primarily through communication and collaboration, such as advising the Governor on matters that impact the disability community, educating on ADA employment issues, or providing resources on building accessibility or service animals.
- ❑ The GCD takes on programs or initiatives that remove barriers or improve lives of those with disabilities. Evidence of this is STABLE NH.
- ❑ The GCD's Executive Director and the NH State Treasurer are administrators of the STABLE NH program and Lorrie Ripley facilitates the STABLE NH Council.
- ❑ Over 418 STABLE NH enrollees, with assets now totaling \$2.8 million, have begun the journey of creating more financial freedom and independence.
- ❑ STABLE NH has made a big difference, not only for future plans, but in assisting with practical goals. The testimonials are proof of this.



- ❑ A **STABLE NH** account is an investment account that allows qualified individuals with disabilities to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefit programs, like Medicaid or SSI.
- ❑ **STABLE NH** accounts are similar to a 529 college savings account or 401(k) retirement plan and can work alongside Special Needs Trusts. They can also function like a regular checking account.



### Reference / resources:

[www.stablenh.com](http://www.stablenh.com) Program details, how to open an account, resources and fact sheets. Includes contact information for questions, phone or email.

The Resource page includes a fact sheet, PowerPoint presentation, and these forms: Power of Attorney form, Incoming ABLE rollover form, and 529 college savings rollover form.

There is also information regarding the STABLE card: Request a STABLE Card and a STABLE Card Portal log in.

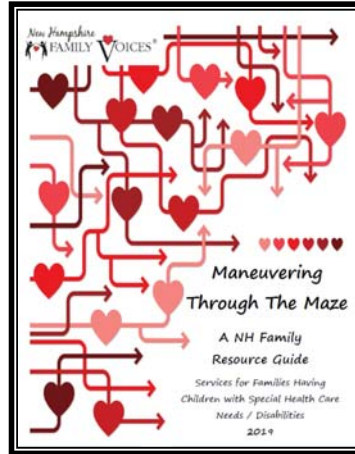
**For account questions:** Please contact the Governor's Commission on Disability, Lorrie Ripley, at 603.271.2773. Feel free to also call 1-800-439-1653 or [team@stableaccount.com](mailto:team@stableaccount.com).





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## TRANSITION RELATED EFFORTS INCLUDE

### Health Care Transition



### Guardianship & Supported Decision Making



## YEAH Council – Youth for Education, Advocacy and Healthcare

- Youth age 14-26 with a disability or special healthcare need
- Meet monthly (currently via zoom) to provide support and work on projects
- Present the youth perspective on topics like: healthcare transition, IEP involvement, what it means to be a youth with special healthcare needs
- Annual conference for youth



## Current Projects

- YouTube
- [TikTok](#)
- “About Me” card
- “Emergency Preparedness, a Youth Perspective”
- “Life in Covid times” article and podcast
- Instagram Mythbusters series
- [yeahnh.org/](http://yeahnh.org/) Facebook Page; Twitter

## NH VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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- Provides services to students ages 14-21 related to employment after high school
  - Identify interests, skills, abilities
  - Provide services through activities, programs and/or experiences that lead to a job, a career path or training that leads to employment
- Services can be provided 1:1 through support from a VR counselor that serves your high school or town
- Additional services provided through workshops to groups of students. These workshops focus on helping students to learn about the world of work and preparing for life after high school
  - Career exploration, work-based learning, work readiness, self-advocacy, post-secondary exploration

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Traditional VR Services

- Have a documented disability
- The disability impacts the individual's ability to obtain, engage in, retain or maintain employment on their own
- Demonstration that participation in NHVR services will assist individual to obtain, engage in, retain or maintain employment
- Presumption that the individual will benefit from having NHVR services in place

### Pre Employment Workshops

- Available to students who are potentially eligible to receive NHVR services
  - Have not been determined eligible for NHVR services
  - Are receiving services through special education or Section 504
  - Are between the ages of 14-21



## Granite State Independent Living's Benefits Planning Program



- We provide benefits counseling services to a variety of individuals who receive or are eligible for SSI, SSDI, Medicaid or other disability benefits.
- For transition-age youth, we can help apply for SSI/SSDI and adult Medicaid. We also can work with families on long-term planning for their children as they become adults (such as how work will impact benefits, when to expect changes in benefits, etc.). We are also good at troubleshooting benefits issues (SSI/SSDI, Medicaid)
- Contact information: 877-807-7028 or [benefits@gsil.org](mailto:benefits@gsil.org).
  - In your email or phone message, please state what town you live in, as it helps us figure out which benefits counselor to assign. If you know you fall into one of our eligibility categories, please state that as well.

## Benefits Counseling Program Eligibility

We have several types of eligibility:

- Individuals age 14+ who receive SSI/SSDI and who are interested in working enough to reduce or eliminate dependence on benefits (WIPA);
- Individuals of any age who are involved with the following agencies: One Sky Community Services, Seacoast Mental Health Center, Center for Life Management, Community Bridges -- these folks do not have to be working or interested in work (fee for service contract program)
- Individuals who are working with VR and request benefits counseling from us (VR fee for service)
- Basic informational and referral services (free for everyone; limits on type and amount of assistance)
- Individuals enrolled in the Ticket to Work program with Granite State Independent Living (TTW referrals)
- Individual fee for service, at a rate of \$65/hour, billed in 15-minute increments

***If you're not sure if someone falls in one of these categories,  
contact us and we'll figure it out!***