

Media Advisory

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Easterseals NH's Farnum Center to Host Roundtable Discussion on Substance Use Disorder Solutions and New Treatment Options Facing New Hampshire Families

Senator Margaret Hassan to Lead Discussion Regarding Medication-Assisted Treatment and Provisions to Increase Access to Generic Drugs

Senator Maggie Hassan successfully secured major provisions in the text of the end-of-year government funding bill to help address the opioid epidemic and increase access to lower-cost generic medications. The text includes key pieces that Senator Hassan has pushed for to address the opioid epidemic:

- The bipartisan *Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act* eliminates an outdated requirement, the 'x-waiver,' that limits the number of medical practitioners who can prescribe life-saving medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder.
- Provisions from Senator Hassan's bipartisan bill to help address the severe shortage of doctors trained in addiction medicine. The government funding bill creates 200 new medical residency positions, including for addiction medicine, at teaching hospitals in New Hampshire and across the country.

What: Roundtable discussion on substance use disorder solutions and treatment options
20-minute tour of the Farnum facility
30-minute roundtable discussion

Who: U.S. Senator Margaret Hassan, Easterseals NH President and CEO Maureen Beauregard, Farnum Sr. Vice President of Substance Use Treatment Services Annette Escalante, Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig, and other partners

Invited partners include:

National Alliance on Mental Health New Hampshire
Medical Society, Dr. Setton Savage, Dartmouth Medical School (tentative)
New Futures, Michele Merritt (President and CEO) and Jake Berry (Vice President of Policy)
Department of Health & Human Services, Katje Fox (Director of the Division of Behavioral Health)

When: Monday, January 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Farnum Center
140 Queen City Avenue, Manchester, 03103
Parking on-site; event indoors in the Farnum conference room

About Easterseals New Hampshire

For more than 86 years, Easterseals New Hampshire has provided exceptional services to ensure that people of all ages with varied abilities and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities. A leader in social services for individuals with disabilities, Easterseals NH employs 1,600 individuals and provides essential services and on-the-ground supports to more than 23,000 people each year with 11 core programs throughout the state. Visit easterseals.com/nh.

About Farnum

Founded in 1981, Farnum is Easterseals New Hampshire's comprehensive alcohol and other drug addiction treatment program. We help adults and their families in New Hampshire and beyond find freedom from substance use. From CARF-accredited centers in Manchester, NH, Farnum offers detoxification, residential, medication assisted treatment (MAT), and outpatient programs under the guidance of an experienced clinical and medical team. Care is customized to the unique needs of each client. Last year, Farnum served nearly 10,000 adults seeking treatment for substance use.

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