



The Greater Haverhill-Newburyport Family Support Advisory Council

Meets the first Wednesday of every month
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Family Support Philosophy and Approach:

The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport believes in the empowerment of families through education, and resource sharing. We value deep listening as a means to understanding the unique needs of family and individual, while partnering with them to identify supports and resources. Our approach is based on respect for individuals and families in recognition of their expertise, their diversity, unique characteristics, and cultural and spiritual values. The voice of families is critical in driving social change and equal rights for people with disabilities.

Advisory Council Description:

The Family Advisory Council is a diverse group of family members, individuals with disabilities, and other stakeholders who meet bi-monthly to help guide the activities and priorities of the Family Support Center. Members are residents of the local Merrimack Valley communities and represent the interests of people with disabilities from birth through adulthood.

Purpose of the Council:

To advise Family Support Center staff on the planning, implementation and evaluation of supports and services that fall under the Family Support Center which include but are not limited to, consultations recreation, webinars, workshops, and support groups.

Council Activities:

Bi-monthly meetings via a virtual platform until further notice. Advise the agency on the current and emergent priorities and interests of people with disabilities and their families in the Merrimack Valley. Participate in developing quality management protocols e.g., satisfaction surveys and reviewing feedback on supports and services. Be available to families who may have specific questions or concerns about the role of the council and its activities.



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