Family Forum: Do you need more support for your child with medical or mental health needs?

Share your voice by attending our **virtual** forum over Zoom on 7/26 at 7pm

Building Hope for Children’s, Leslie Langevin would like to invite families to come and share their voice in an open family forum to discuss how we can improve the system of care for Vermont’s children when home based services are not enough or not adequately provided for many families. If you feel you would benefit from sharing your story or your needs please attend this virtual forum. Everyone is invited including medical providers, social workers, and mental health providers and everyone's voice matters. Our voices are better in numbers.

Building Hope for Children is working to create a 3-bedroom therapeutic community residence for children like Leslie’s son Henry who has no choice but to be sent out of state for residential care since the state of Vermont has no residential options when home based services are inadequate. Henry has severe medical and behavioral challenges which has pushed the family to advocate for change in the system. The home will be 1:1 support for kids like Henry, while providing nursing care in a beautiful home setting while allowing families to be near their children and see them as much as they can vs. being sent out of state hours away. The program will feature community inclusion and children will attend their normal school or day programs as well and lots of fun field trips.

Now is the time to advocate for change to the system of care as these guidelines will be updated this year. We are seeking input from all families so we can share this with the state and also hear what other needs families might have.

Link and Meeting Information the Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88523137899?pwd=WmZUZnl6a2V2Ui9sbjVYd1kyUHduQT09](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScu4eLZdOfW4tkAMpHHs8ebBn5FaSlR9c5OuD_Y1lLHm6h0dw/viewform)

Meeting ID: 885 2313 7899

Passcode: 457561

If you have not done so already we also put together a virtual survey to help assess some of the needs families face. Please fill this out if you would like to share your experience.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScu4eLZdOfW4tkAMpHHs8ebBn5FaSlR9c5OuD_Y1lLHm6h0dw/viewform>

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