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## **NH DHHS Announces Listening Sessions for State Plan on Aging**

**Concord, NH** – As part of a statewide effort to understand the needs of older adults, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS), Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) and the State Plan on Aging (SPOA) Planning Committee are seeking public input that will guide and inform the next four-year State Plan on Aging.

“As we continue in our efforts to provide programs and services that focus on older adults, we must have an understanding of what their needs are,” said Wendi Aultman, BEAS Bureau Chief. “New Hampshire has one of the fastest-growing aging populations, and these listening sessions will give us the opportunity to offer supports that are meaningful and relevant to our older residents, so that they can participate fully in their communities.”

In addition to the listening sessions, residents are invited to complete the online [State Plan on Aging Survey](#), which will allow respondents to provide information on the availability of supports in their communities, including health care programs and screenings, affordable housing, transportation, and in-home long-term supports and services. Information from the listening sessions and survey will be used to inform the New Hampshire State Plan on Aging that will be submitted to the Federal Administration for Community Living. This plan is a requirement to receive federal funding for the Older Americans Act programs in New Hampshire.

Listening sessions will run through December 7. Many senior and community centers will host the sessions around the congregate meal to make it easier for older adults to attend. If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Kim Hillson at 603-271-9215 or [Kimberly.Hillson@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Hillson@dhhs.nh.gov) 5 business days before the listening session. At least 5 business days advance notice is requested in order to assure availability; requests made fewer than 5 days prior to the event will attempt to be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed.

### **Berlin, October 25th**

1:00-  
3:00pm

Berlin Senior Center

610 Sullivan Street, Berlin

**Keene, November  
2nd**

9:30-11:30am

Cheshire Medical  
Center

580 Court Street,  
Keene

**Meredith, November 7th**

10:30am-  
12:30pm

Meredith Community Center

1 Circle Drive, Meredith

**Nashua, November 14th**

2:00-4:00pm

Nashua Senior Center

70 Temple Street, Nashua

**Rochester, November 15th**

1:30-3:30pm

Frisbie Memorial  
Hospital

11 Whitehall Road, Rochester

**Newport, November  
16th**

9:30-11:30am

Newport Senior  
Center

76 South Main Street, Newport

**Lebanon, November 19th**

1:00-3:00pm

Upper Valley Senior Center

10 Campbell Street, Lebanon

**North Conway, November 27th**

12:30-2:30pm

Gibson Center for Seniors

14 Grove Street, North Conway

**Derry, November 28th**

9:30-11:30am

Marion Gerrish Community  
Center  
39 West Broadway,  
Derry

**Concord, November 28th**

2:30-4:30pm

GoodLife Programs & Activities

254 North State Street, Concord

**Littleton, November 29th**

1:00-3:00pm

Littleton Area Senior Center

77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton

**Manchester, November  
30th**

9:30-11:30am

Manchester City Library, Auditorium

405 Pine Street, Manchester

**Brentwood, December  
7th**

9:30-  
11:30am

Rockingham County Nursing Home

117 North Road, Brentwood

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