



NH Governor's Commission on Disability

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GCD and NEADA: Co-training on Disability

Concord, NH— With two microphones, a great powerpoint, and a panel of four—the topic of “Have I Considered That? Planning for Persons with Disabilities” was front and center at a morning workshop at the annual NH Emergency Preparedness Conference on Tuesday, June 4th.

The Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD) joined with the New England ADA to provide a co-training and educational session that covered a range of topics such as disability etiquette, service animals, shelters and emotional support animals, universal design—and more.

Chuck Saia, GCD Executive Director, served as moderator for presenters Colleen Durkin-Blackburn, GCD Accessibility Specialist, Louise McBride, GCD Information and Research Specialist, and Stacy Hart of New England ADA.

“With research showing that the numbers of those with disabilities is growing, it is no wonder there was so much interest and great questions from the conference attendees,” said Saia.

As a follow-up to the presentation, all were invited to the exhibit tables of both the GCD and NEADA, where more information was available.

The NH Department of Health and Human Services and the NH Department of Safety and others hosted this annual event held in Manchester at the Doubletree by Hilton exhibition/hotel space. The conference aims to promote and strengthen interdisciplinary partnerships to increase NH's ability to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all hazards.

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