**Area Support Groups (2014)**

**Autism Group for Parents of Young Children (age 8 and under)**  
Parents meet monthly. Child care provided.  
Place: Rochester Community Office of Community Partners, 25 Old Dover Rd.  
Meeting Date: 2nd Saturday of the month  
Time: 9:30 to 11 AM  
Phone: Betsy at Community Partners 516-9300

**Rochester Parent Group (age 9 and up)**  
Parents meet monthly. Childcare provided by Rochester School District  
Place: Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield St., Rochester  
Meeting Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month  
Time: 6-7:30  
Phone: Betsy at Community Partners 516-9300

**Dover Family School Alliance**  
Monthly group for parents to have access to information, training, and emotional support in meeting their children’s special needs.  
Place: McConnell Center, Locust St. Dover, NH  
Contact: Alyson Genovese, info@doverfamilyschoolalliance.org

**Parents of Children with Down Syndrome**  
Parents meet periodically, with or without children, to socialize and share ideas as well as plan for future meetings and discuss possible topics to address or speakers.  
Pot Luck Suppers are planned a few times per year.  
Place: Marcia Flinkstrom’s, 89 Academy St., S. Berwick, ME  
Meeting Date: Varies  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Phone: Marcia at 207 384-5041 or Betsy at Community Partners at 516-9300.

**Support Group for Parents of Children with Cerebral Palsy**  
Monthly group for parents and children; usually a pot luck supper  
Place: Wayne and Alison Goss’s home, 3 Grady’s Lane, Dover  
Meeting Date: 4th Friday of most months  
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Phone: Alison Goss 749-4051 or Betsy at Community Partners at 516-9300
**Family Empowerment Project**
Groups created as needed. Provides resources and information regarding counseling, clothing, food, parenting help, learning to cope with stress and DCYF, AFDC/TANF. Focus is on community change and empowerment.
Place: Rochester Community Center
Phone: Community Action 516-8130

**Local Support for Mental Illness**
Support group for individuals, siblings and families who are struggling with the various concerns and difficulties that arise with serious mental illness.
Place: Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NH – 1st floor conference room
Meeting Date: 4th Tuesday of each month
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Phone: Carol at 664-2116

Place: Wentworth Douglass Hospital – Salmon Falls Room
Meeting Date: 2nd and 4th Friday of each month
Time: 5:30-7:30 PM
Phone: Leanna Kirk 970-0614 Email: Ikw24@unh.edu

**Support Group for Parents of Children with Mitochondrial Disorders**
Informational speakers, social events, some financial assistance
Place: Throughout NH and ME at different members’ homes
Meeting: Held quarterly
Email: info@marcelsway.org

**Brain Injury Support Group**
For anyone with a brain injury.
Place: Frisbie Memorial Hospital – Carroll Room
Meeting Date: 2nd Thursday of the month
Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Phone: Paula Dempsey at (603) 539-8718 (work) or 343-1940 or Michelle at 588-3309.

**AANE Adult Social Activity Group**
Place: Wentworth Douglass Hospital
Time: TBA, Thursday evenings
Contact: Kip Deese-Laurent kipdl@hotmail.com

**AANE Adult Social Activity Group**
Place: Varies – Keene area
Time: 2 times/month
Contact: Joanna Andros joannaandrosmsw@gmail.com
Asperger’s, High Functioning Autism & NLD Support for family members
Place: Antioch University NE, 40 Avon St., Keene, NH
Meeting Date: varies – next one 10/28 at 7PM
Contact: Shelley Viles – 357-3122 X2148  Email sviles@antioch.edu

Seacoast Area Support Group For Families with a Child who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing
Social Potluck suppers and Educational Events
Child Care usually provided
JoAn Saxe at jsaxe@comcast.net

Seacoast Food Allergy Support Group
Meets maybe 1 time per year
Contact: Tamara at 430-9935

Local Educational Advocates – Fee for Service
Carol Patten 669-7077
Elaine Dolph 659-3916
Tina Chait 305-8184
Angela Kouroyen 216-7685
Dot French 437-6286 (Education-A-Must)