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Equal Opportunities And Independent Living Subject Of Conference Sponsored By UNH's Institute On Disability

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BARTLETT, N.H. – Voting accessibility, choices for seniors, supported employment, and community options are just some of the topics featured at the second annual Real Choices for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities Living in Your Community conference, sponsored by the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability/UCED. It will be held Sept. 28 and 29 in the heart of the White Mountains at the Grand Summit in Bartlett.

The conference highlights innovative practices that connect people to their communities in ways that promote equal opportunities, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Sessions during this year's conference include:

- Including people with disabilities in community economic development opportunities
- Community Self-Advocacy: Personal Stories of Change
- Assistive Technology Solutions
- Coordinated Transportation
- Research on Alternatives to Guardianship for Individuals with Disabilities
- Empowering Communities with Data

Keynote presentations will include Dennis Harkens, president of A Simpler Way, and Lewis M. Feldstein, president of the N.H. Charitable Foundation.

For a complete list of conference sessions or registration information, visit www.realchoicenh.org or call (603) 228-2084 or toll-free in N.H. at (800) 238-2048.

The Real Choices conference is also sponsored by: N.H.'s Real Choice Systems Change Grants; individuals and families; N.H.'s Department of Health and Human Services; Developmental Disabilities Council; Granite State Independent Living; Community Support Network, Inc.; Granite Supports Project; and White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services, Inc.

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