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1 Disability Awareness and De-escalation Training
2 overview offered in Londonderry

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5 On Friday, Nov. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
6 Neighborhood Connections offers a special edition of its “Soup
7 and Sandwich” series for all emergency responders.

8 Dr. Kendra LaRoche, executive director of the Special
9 Needs Support Center will be the guest speaker. She will provide
10 an overview of disability awareness and de-escalation training,

11 and will offer continuing education credit for all attendees who
12 may benefit from it. The general public is also welcome.

13 Emergency responders are often the first to assist
14 individuals with disabilities in times of stress or crisis. Disability
15 awareness and de-escalation training helps police, fire, and EMT
16 personnel build awareness, empathy, and skills needed to
17 respond safely and effectively.

18 The course links evidence-based de-escalation strategies
19 with an understanding of how the brain processes emotion and
20 stress. Through interactive instruction and real-world scenarios,
21 participants learn techniques for emotional regulation, validation,
22 and active listening while gaining practical insight into mental
23 health, intellectual, developmental, and learning disabilities. The
24 training also introduces communication tools that support clear,
25 respectful, and person-centered interactions.

26 “Upon completion, participants will be able to identify
27 visible and invisible disabilities and understand how they affect
28 behavior and communication; apply de-escalation strategies
29 using validation, empathy, and active listening; recognize the
30 neurological connection between emotion, stress, and behavior;
31 use communication boards and identification tools to improve
32 safety and understanding during emergency encounters; and
33 reflect on past experiences to strengthen professional judgment in
34 future situations.

35 For more information or to RSVP, call Neighborhood
36 Connections at 802-824-4343 to reserve a spot. They will be
37 offering lunch and organizers say they need a headcount.

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