GMSS has spent the last few years working diligently in supporting their Shared Living Providers (SLPs). With all the new support initiatives implemented, we have seen a significant increase in our SLP retention and satisfaction, as compared to other agencies that contract with SLPs.

How is GMSS different?

GMSS has a first in the nation Peer Support Network (PSN) for Shared Living Providers. SLPs have a unique role in our agency and it is one of the loneliest jobs. Service Coordinators have the ability to walk down the hall and talk to a colleague; SLPs do not have that option. That is where the PSN comes in. The PSN provides the opportunity for SLPs to talk with another SLP if they need advice, suggestions, or just someone to talk to that understands their work.

We also introduced quarterly SLP meetings. In 2019, our SLPs were able to meet local legislators and sit down and talk with nurses on updated medical regulations and learn more about Vermont payment reform. We also had Jennifer Garabedian from Aris Solutions come in and work with our SLPs on how to do employer paperwork.

Our next meeting will be on Jan. 27th at 8:30 a.m. and will be once again in combination with the Lamoille Chamber of Commerce Legislative breakfast. We will also have a tax preparer as a guest speaker to discuss best practices for SLPs to get the most out of their 2019 tax filing.

Jan. 1 - New Year’s Day (offices closed)
Jan. 13 - GMSS Board Meeting (GMSS, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Jan. 16 - Orientation (Morrisville - Roberts Room, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (offices closed)
Jan. 22 - All Staff Afternoon (GMSS, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.)
Jan. 27 - Legislative Breakfast (GMSS, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.)
Jan. 27 - Shared Living Provider Quarterly Meeting (GMSS, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

Who We Are: Living With Cerebral Palsy

In case you haven’t yet seen it, we are excited to share with all of you our newest 66 page advocacy project.
We worked with local artists to produce a graphic novel anthology that highlights the individual stories of people we serve who live with Cerebral Palsy.

There are three ways to purchase a copy:
* Buy it online at Amazon: $9.99
* Come by either of our office locations: $9.99
* Buy a Kindle version: $2.99

All proceeds go to support the Green Mountain Support Services’ Annual Cerebral Palsy Conference.
### January Shared Living Provider & Employee Anniversaries

**EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES**
- Kathleen Edson - 1/22/16 (4 years)
- Marsha LaBree - 1/22/07 (13 years)
- Brenda Donley - 1/8/14 (6 years)
- Eric Paige - 1/15/19 (1 year)
- Bill Coleman - 1/1/19 (1 year)
- Erika Thompson - 1/1/19 (1 year)

**SLP ANNIVERSARIES**
- Carrie Morway - 2017 (3 years)
- Jennifer Adams - 2014 (6 years)
- Linda Belval - 2015 (5 years)
- Lisa Maskell - 2016 (4 years)
- Lori Demar - 2004 (16 years)
- Shari Williams - 2011 (9 years)

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