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**Sen. Odell honored for his support of New Hampshire children and families**

*NH Partners in Service cites his leadership in supporting innovative public policy*

(Concord) One of the state's leading advocacy groups for children and families has honored Sen. Bob Odell, R-Lempster. New Hampshire Partners in Service (NHPS) gave Odell its 2011 Appreciation Award for his tireless efforts, commitment and strong leadership in supporting innovative public policy for New Hampshire's children and families. Odell received the honor at the group's annual meeting at Camp Spaulding in Penacook on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

NHPS Vice-President Karen Cusan was full of praise of Odell saying, "Sen. Odell has taken a keen interest in the service system for high risk children and youth. His work over the past several years has supported a reasoned approach that balances good public policy with cost effective and quality-minded services. He was instrumental in assuring children and youth are served close to home in lower cost, community-based treatment programs. Sen. Odell's vast knowledge of business and finance became critical during this past budget process when he was able to identify significant savings while impacting meaningful outcomes and sound public policy for children and youth."

Commenting on the award, Odell said, "As a parent and grand parent, I understand how important it is for children to grow up in loving, supportive environments. But between our current economic downturn, divorce and other domestic issues, not every family can meet their children's needs. That's why I am grateful as a legislator to be able to work with organizations like NHPS that help fill the gap and support our children in their time of need. It is an honor to be recognized by them."

NHPS is a private, nonprofit trade association which strives to provide an opportunity for partnership, collaboration and networking with public and private community stakeholders. NHPS is made up of human service agencies serving high-risk children, adolescents and families throughout the State of New Hampshire. For more information regarding NHPS, please visit: [www.nhpartners.org](http://www.nhpartners.org)

(Note: Photo of Sen. Bob Odell, R-Lempster, attached)

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