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**Easter Seals Staff Member Wins Award
from the Federation for Children with Special Needs**

Feb. 27, 2014 – Haverhill resident Kate Ahern will be honored March 8 with the Community Partnership Award from the Federation for Children with Special Needs. The award recognizes individuals who have successfully promoted an inclusive environment in their community.

Ahern is an Easter Seals Assistive Technology specialist who works in schools with children who have disabilities. She also is well known for her blog, "Teaching Learners with Multiple Needs."

Before joining Easter Seals, Ahern was a special education teacher and assistive technology specialist with the Assabet Valley Collaborative in Marlborough and an agency now known as the Collaborative for Regional Educational Services and Training.

She has a bachelor's degree in special education and sociology and a master's degree in intensive special education, both from Simmons College.

The award will be presented at the federation's Visions of Community Conference at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston.

Easter Seals Massachusetts provides services to ensure that children and adults with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. Nonprofit and nonsectarian, Easter Seals offers technological assistance, employment and training services, recreational activities, youth transition and leadership programs, veterans' services, rehabilitation services and public awareness programs. For more information, call 800-244-2756 or go to www.EasterSealsMa.org.

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