



# COFAR Connection

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THE MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF FAMILIES AND ADVOCATES, Inc.

Dear Senator,

In today's *Boston Globe*, columnist Yvonne Abraham writes about the importance of the Greene Pool, located at the Fernald Center ([link to column](#)). She explains, with the help of quotes from family members, how the large therapy pool on the first floor of the Greene Building is an amazing resource. The heated therapy pool is the only free, public pool that families can take their loved ones to who have development disabilities. The facility is clean and in good use, and it would be such a shame to shut it down. In fact, some of the people who use the pool are not just residents of Fernald, but are driven in by schools or caregivers.

Please take a moment to watch this [video](#) of Watertown resident Amber Bobner's 4-year-old son using the pool.



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