



Ed Bryans  
At-Large Board Member

Ed Bryans has been a resident of Cheshire County for about 23 years after enjoying the sun and surf of Southern California as a child. Upon completion of high school, Ed honorably served in the United States Navy ('79-'82) on active status. He accepted a job during reserves working at Asian Rehabilitation Service (ARS) in Los Angeles for about 5 years. ARS provided rehabilitation and job readiness for approximately 150 physically, developmentally and mentally disadvantaged clients. Ed's position was production line supervision as well as engineering special jigs and fixtures to assist and increase productivity of client workers. Familiarity with machines and mechanical operations led Ed into a path of household appliance service and repair. While learning and becoming skilled at a variety of brands and businesses, Ed eventually began his own business and has provided this service in both California as well as New Hampshire.

Since moving to New Hampshire, Ed has become a father to three children whom he loves immensely. Through the circumstances of relationships and co-parenting, which brought struggles when relationships failed, Ed found a legal system involving divorce and custody that did not reflect the children's best interests in many cases. Personal experience brought out a dedicated effort and a commitment for change. Through research and support groups, Ed continues actively working for legislative changes both in New Hampshire and nationally.

Ed is the New Hampshire Administrator for Americans for Equal Shared Parenting (AFESP.) AFESP believes the 150+ peer-reviewed studies and statistics that support "Children do best when raised by both fit parents regardless of parental relationship." Ed has spoken in Washington, DC representing New Hampshire's efforts in the last decade to bring laws to a "50/50 Rebuttable Presumption status." Ed often speaks on bills introduced in the State House and has developed long-term, respectable relations with a number of legislators. Ed has run for District 10 State Representative in two previous elections with hopes to serve on Child and Family Law Committee, having lost these election bids by a very narrow margin.

Ed has previously served on the Keene Phoenix House Community Advisory Board for approximately 8 years as well as serving on the Cheshire Television Board of Directors as the Marlborough appointee.

Ed lives in Marlborough "half of the time" with his youngest child, a 13-year-old daughter who is on the Honor Roll and is a sports star. Ed enjoys a variety of activities including water skiing, motocross, hiking, and wishes time could stand still as they grow up too fast.