

COALITION CONNECTION



Autumn 2024



Congratulations!



Mollie White, Executive Manager of the Coos Coalition for Young Children and Families, and longtime Alliance Leadership Team member, is the recipient of the Dr. Robert Chamberlin Award. [Read more](#) about Mollie's great contributions to supporting both local, regional and statewide early childhood efforts. Mollie has championed the value and importance of bringing partners together to collaborate to create meaningful, lasting positive change. Mollie will be moving on from her role as the Executive Manager but will continue to

support this important work. Thank you Mollie for your time and dedication to the Alliance and to your North Country community! Congratulations Mollie!



New Child Care Director Apprenticeship Program

[Read](#) about NH's pioneering First Federally-Approved Early Childhood Director Apprenticeship Program developed in partnership with ApprenticeshipNH, a workforce training program of the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) and A Place to Grow LLC.



Child Care Scholarship Outreach

Community organizations and partners are working together to promote the child care scholarship across the state with the recently released NH Child Care Scholarship marketing materials. Information for families can be found [here](#), for child care programs [here](#) and for other community partners who wish to have materials to promote the child care scholarship locally, can [order here](#).

EVENTS

NH Caregiver Conference

[Registration Brochure](#)

November 13 Grappone Center

[NH Songa](#)

[Moving Together Conversations](#)

[Immigrants in NH's Workforce](#)

November 20 8-4 Grappone Center

[Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network Fall Conference](#)

November 21-22 Mt Washington Resort

[NH Fiscal Policy Institute's 9th Annual Budget and Policy Conference](#)

December 6 Grappone Center

[NH Behavioral Health Summit](#)

December 9-10 Doubletree Manchester

The Economics of Child Care Series

Curious about the state budget process or what impacts child care program budgets?

The [NH Child Care Advisory Council](#) is hosting a series of webinars called "The

Economics of Child Care".

These webinars are recorded and posted on the [NHCCAC's Youtube page](#).



["Transform Lives with Trauma-Informed Strategies"](#) featuring several local community partners in the Lakes Region and North Country. To view the series of short Trauma Informed Care videos explaining the approach, learning and success of the NH Pediatric Improvement Project, [click here](#).



Amoskeag

Program Manager Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team

ACERT is an exciting program that is focused on reducing the impact of domestic violence on children and a partnership program with the YWCA, the Manchester Police Department and Amoskeag Health. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to sustain and grow a program.

Couch Foundation

Program Partner, Early Care and Education Systems
Program Partner, Health & Vibrant Communities

Child Care Aware- SNHS

A number of TA Specialist positions available, including Family Child Care, Infant and Disability, Licensing and Scholarship. To see all opportunities click [here](#).

Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration

Bureau Chief Operations and System Manager
Program Assistant II

NFI North

North Country EC Wraparound Coordinator Policy Advocate

Waypoint

Focus on Maternal Health

NH DHHS' Roadmap 2024-2025 identified "Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies" as one of its major initiatives (Promote Thriving Communities - Initiative 6). The State of Maternal Health report identified a number of targeted areas of focus. There are several efforts underway to elevate the importance of supporting maternal and infant health care

The NH Perinatal Quality Collaborative recently received a large \$1M per year HRSA Maternal Health Innovation Grant which will provide support to regional perinatal coalitions and increase data infrastructure, as well as several other long-term priorities.

The Executive Council recently voted for \$400,000 of APRA funds to build a maternal health for centralized care navigation hub. Additionally, several family resources centers and community organizations are hosting "Community Baby Showers" and launching Newborn Navigator programs, in addition to other home visiting services for new families.

"With so much change going on in a new mother's life, the postpartum period can be both beautiful and challenging. That's why it's critical to support New Hampshire mothers in any way we can," said New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Commissioner Lori Weaver.



Fall Reading and Resources

Office of the Child Advocate Report to Oversight Commission on Children's Services

NEW! NH Homeless and Housing Stabilization Training and Resource Library is managed by the NH Coalition to End Homelessness. Its purpose is to collect national and local resources for anyone interested in learning about best practices for providing homeless and housing supports in the Granite State.

Center for the Study of Child Care Employment

Early Childhood Workforce Index
NH Data Explanatory video

Family Justice Group

Family Justice Journal on Community Based Support

Annie Casey Foundation

Kinship Policy Improvements Toward Child Welfare System Transformation

Learning Policy Institute

Coaching at Scale - A Strategy for Strengthening the Early Learning Workforce



Parent Training Leadership Institute Applications

An amazing opportunity for families to engage in leadership, advocacy, and skill development is available through the Parent Training Leadership Institute. The first class graduated in the spring and their work was featured in NH Business News. Click here to learn more about the program or share the application, Contact Marla Soucy for more information: msoucy@ccsnh.edu



School Corner

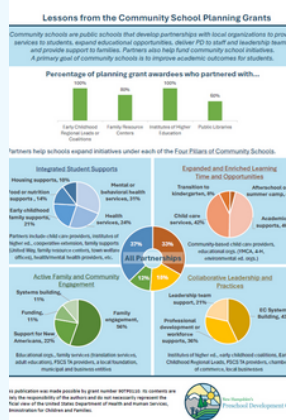
NH Family Voices - New Website

Check out NH Family Voices (NHFV) newly launched, family focused website. NHFV connects families of children and youth with special healthcare needs and disabilities to the resources they require and provides vital information to help them access the services and support they need to thrive, including a rich resource library.

And read the joint newsletter publication with The Parent Information Center: Pass It On. This edition focuses on Building Cross Disciplinary Teams.

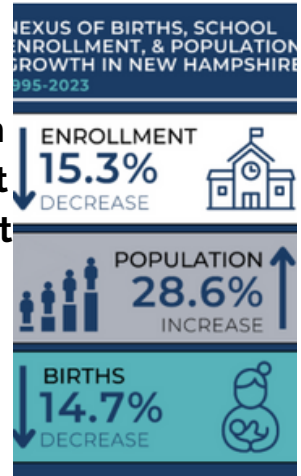
Community School Planning Grant

In 2023, the Preschool Development Grant awarded 13 month planning grants to several New Hampshire school districts and partner organizations. Read this brief about what was learned from that work.



From Homes to Classrooms: The Relationship Between Housing Development and School Enrollment in New Hampshire

Read this recently released fact sheet and report from the NH Housing Association



NH MCAP

Mental Health Care Access in Pediatrics

NH Mental Healthcare Access in Pediatrics

Did you know that school districts can request a 15-30 minute teleconsult with a professional who specializes in student and school mental health for support in assessment, management and referral for behavioral health needs? To learn more about this work, check out DHHS' website and the Pediatric Improvement Partnership. Here's the form to request a consultation.



Building Futures Together

The Institute on Disability has been awarded a \$2.4M grant, funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the next four years to train paraprofessionals and peers. Building Futures Together is a Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship training program to prepare paraprofessionals in healthcare and school settings to provide specialized enhanced care coordination to children, youth, and their caregivers impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD). Trainees gain the knowledge, skills, and competencies to work with families and youth throughout the program based on the courses and on-the-job training. Trainees in previous cohorts showed increased confidence in serving the families they work with, while employers also reported an increase in on-the-job skills for these individuals. Trainees participating in this program can receive up to \$13,500 in stipends to encourage continued education and training in the field. Our first cohort will begin January 2025! **To learn more about our program and apply, please visit Building Futures Together. To watch Building Futures Together Videos.**



Launch of NH ECE Research Consortium

The Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire is establishing a first-in-the-state early care and education research consortium. The multi-year grant will enable the Carsey School to conduct new research on early childhood care and education policy and help to build and coordinate a consortium of researchers and practitioners across the Granite State.

“This is a pivotal project that will purposefully bring together the state’s early childhood experts and stakeholders and propel us toward a research agenda that can inform both policy and action for a more robust early childhood education system in the state,” said Jess Carson, research assistant professor. The consortium will ensure that original research specific to New Hampshire and other important information resources available through local, state, regional and national efforts are consolidated and made easily accessible in a centralized way for use by project partners and others. To learn more, click [here](#).

Granite Guide to Early Childhood



Read [Milford Thrives Impact Report](#) and get a snapshot of how a Coalition of partners can make a big impact on local families.

Climate and Health Initiative for Caregivers and Kids

(CHICKs) is a program of NH Healthy Climate dedicated to raising awareness about the impact of climate change on children’s health. Through educational programming, children develop a relationship with nature that fosters resilience, confidence, and a deeper understanding of the connection between the environment and their health. Now in its second year, CHICKs is expanding its [Adventures in Climate and Health](#) curriculum to two locations in New Hampshire. Medical students from the Geisel School of Medicine will lead lessons at Boys and Girls Clubs in the Upper Valley/Kearsarge area, while after-school teachers will deliver content at Rochester Child Care Center. CHICKs is also strengthening ties with the city of Rochester by creating a Rochester Resource Guide to help families improve home air quality and safety, and marking Children’s Environmental Health Day on October 10th [with a special event and a proclamation](#) from Mayor Callaghan. The next in person [Climate Cafe](#) will be at Montshire Museum on November 9, 10-12pm.

Child Care Resources and Reports

This past year, there were a number of investments in the child care sector through the “[ARPA-D](#)” contracts. Several resources and reports were published to serve as tools, guides, and research for future decision making. Here’s where you can find that some of that information:

Family Child Care: [Small Business Resources for Family Child Care](#) - Includes [Guide to Becoming a Family Child Care Provider](#) - CDFA

Child care and Employer Business Partnership [WorkWell](#) - Includes case studies, research findings and family friendly work designation - Granite United Way

Workforce Recruitment: [Early Childhood Education and Out-of-School Time Workforce Recruiting Guide](#) - Public Consulting Group

Business Improvement Project: [Final Report - Child Care Accelerate, Child Care Business Improvement Project](#) -Seed Collective

Out of School Time
[Literature Review](#) ACROSS NH

