

COALITION CONNECTION



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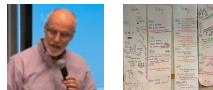
Our Journey Together 3rd Early Childhood Convening

The Alliance hosted their 3rd Early Childhood Convening on January 11. There were about 70 participants representing families, early childhood coalitions, early childhood Regions, family resource centers, head start, child care programs, early childhood funders



and state leaders. The convening began with a look back at the different milestones in each person's life or organization and to reflect upon their work up to today. Participants then considered what they will be celebrating in two years in early care and education.

Christina Lachance, Director of the Council for Thriving Children, shared the revised Strategic Plan for Early Childhood and engaged in a robust Q and A. After lunch, the partners in each Region sat together to discuss the early childhood work happening in their Regions and communities providing an opportunity for conversation and connection. Participants could then select to be in a conversation about child care workforce, business models, family access, or the health and wellbeing of staff and families. There was a rich sharing of what is currently happening in the field, where there is connection and where new connections could be made. A meeting summary will be shared with participants and will help guide the work ahead.



Thank you for your support!

The Alliance is thrilled to have strong support from several members of the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative.



We are grateful to the Endowment for Health, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Couch Family Foundation and Mascoma Bank for their investment in the Alliance's collaborative work to build, strengthen, and align the early childhood Regions and early childhood coalitions.

Calendar of Events



All registration links are underlined in title.

Family Stories: Building Equitable Futures for All NH Children, Conversation about the Early Childhood Equity Study, hosted by the Endowment for Health, January 19, 11-12:30

New Futures flier of webinars and In-Person Advocacy Trainings in January and February. **Click to register** for upcoming events. Child care Webinar, Tuesday January 24 1-2pm.

Choose Love: Scarlett Lewis: her journey, choices we make each day (tools to help) and growth mindset, hosted by Child Care Aware. January 25, 12-1. **Register for series**

FrameWorks Institute

Webinar on racism in child and family advocacy to enhance their understanding of framing research, to add skills and tools to talk about racism with systems and community leaders
February 1, 12:30-2:00 EST

Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications

Free workshops/classes in opinion writing, advocacy, messaging your mission and others.

Practicing HOPE Summit

Virtual March 29-30, 2023



JOB POSTINGS

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LINKING TO LIBRARIES

by Craig Houston



The Capital Area (Region 2) has been reaching out to all the libraries in our region. The goal of reaching out to the libraries is 2 fold first and foremost we want to help increase the capacity of the libraries to help support youth and families through funding projects in a couple different realms.

Environment - Creating or enhancing child- or family-friendly and/or quality learning spaces through furniture, equipment, and materials, etc. For example, creating a designated toddler room; installing a story walk; creating outdoor spaces for activities

Supplies and Equipment

Some examples: A workshop designed to teach parents how to use early literacy behaviors daily with their babies and young children may utilize funds for the items (books, puppets, take-home materials) that promote those activities and increasing the number of books available in the primary languages spoken within the community served.

The Family Place Libraries™ initiative is a national model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for very young children, their parents and caregivers. Family Place Libraries™ are committed to developing a family-centered approach to library services.

We are trying to create lasting partnerships with these underutilized community pillars and help support the libraries as entry points to access information on all social services. This is being done by asking the libraries what resources they already have and if they have card racks for social services information. Through conversation with the librarians we talk about supporting them getting people information not being all knowing of all the social service information like WIC/SNAP/TANF or ERAP, and fuel assistance.



The Great Pumpkin Milford

Milford Kids Thrive partners, including the Milford School District, Milford Thrives and Waypoint, participated in Milford Recreation's Trick or Treat on the Oval event. We're happy to report that we engaged with 200+ Milford families with young children.

Also in October, Milford's Wadleigh Library hosted Milford Kids Thrive partners for their "Great Pumpkin" Little Explorers event. The Collaborative partners joined the children's library staff to host a variety of fun, hands-on STEAM activities and to share resources with parents and caregivers.



ACERT Expansion

YWCA New Hampshire has received Congressionally Directed Spending to fund an ACERT Expansion project. The goal of the project is to expand the ACERT (Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team) program to 10 new communities in NH, increase services and capacity of existing ACERT partners, and enhance DEI training and competency among all ACERT partners. YWCA New Hampshire is accepting proposals until Jan 20. Learn more [here](#).



Interested in bringing the HOPE Framework (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences) to your organization or community? HOPE Facilitator Training cohorts are open for [registration](#) now.

Launching State Wide in January

As part of the expansion of the System of Care, families who are prenatal to 5 will be able to participate in The Infant and Toddler Treatment Program for Behavioral Health using the wraparound model. [Read the brochure](#)



Somersworth Early Childhood Coalition

[Read](#) how Somersworth Ready Together collaborates to support kindergarten readiness and [how the community came together](#) to give 1000 entering kindergarteners resource filled-backpacks..

PTAN Celebrates its 30th Anniversary!

2022 marks the thirtieth year of the Preschool Technical Assistance Network (PTAN), a grant-funded project that provides professional development services statewide.

Two big changes are happening this year. First, PTAN is now affiliated with the Pyramid Model Consortium. This affiliation offers us a new fiscal agent and access to many resources and opportunities to better support NH early care and education programs. The second change is the award of a new contract from the NH DHHS Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration.

We are very pleased to receive grant-funding to continue our work supporting NH child care programs with free consultation and training infused with Pyramid Model evidence-based practices to prevent suspension and expulsion and promote teacher retention. This contract also expands our scope of services to include supporting the roll out of NH's new quality recognition and improvement system (QRIS) known as Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ). Our efforts will specifically focus on the GSQ Pyramid Model Pathway. PTAN will provide programs who have achieved Step 1 and higher with a Program Coach who will guide them along this pathway with infrastructure development, practice-based coaching, and training.

Many aspects of our project will feel familiar. Long-time PTAN Project Director, Joan Izen will continue in her role, as will Project Coordinator, Hillary Pincoske. Project services will be provided by a cohort of skilled, knowledgeable, and caring consultants, coaches, and trainers, many of whom are NH Pyramid Model Master Cadre members.

New contact information

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Reach out to Joan and Hillary with questions, comments, and ideas. Your input is welcomed!

Joan M. Izen, MA, CCC-SLP, PTAN Project Director, NHDHHS Pyramid Model Coordinator

Beyond School Enrichment Grant

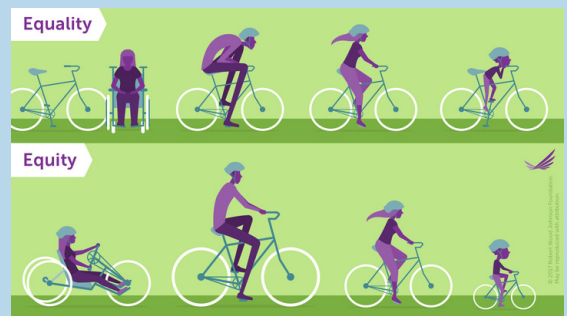
The NHDHHS has released a Request for Application for grants to public and public chartered schools to fund the establishment of after school, before school, or summer enrichment programming opportunities for students in K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year and 2023 summer. Click [here](#) to learn more. Scroll to "Beyond School Enrichment Grant"



A new "launch" is on its way! Stay tuned for more details...



Read why Robert Wood Johnson Foundation updated its Equity Graphic from this:



to this:



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Helping Hands and Local Engagement

In Region 4, we are working with our programs that are part of our Early Learning Collaborative. Lisa Piccolo and Heather McKinnon, at LAUNCH Manchester, with feedback from providers, developed some creative ideas to celebrate the programs and teachers that are part of the ELC. Lisa and Heather have been visiting the programs, reading some of their favorite books and doing activities with the children. The teachers were able to take a few minutes to do things in their classroom while the children had fun with the books and the activities. Some of the books were "Dragons Love Tacos", "Annie and the Wild Animals", "The Color Monster" and "Cant You Sleep Little Bear". The children created moons with clay, color monsters with construction paper shapes, water color dragons made from paper plates and bird feeders with pines cones.



ECE Training in the Community

Over the past several months, EC Coalitions and EC Regions have hosted local training for early care and education providers. Greater Derry Launch held a successful professional development conference called "Fill Your Cup". Topics included play and nature based learning, family engagement, self-care among others.

EC Region 6, Stafford County and Seacoast hosted a well-received training where participants learned about self-reflection techniques to identify potential biases and then selected additional training on either Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)/Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) or Building Positive Behaviors.

"Supporting You, Our Early Care and Education Superheroes Who Inspire the Future!" was the title of the event sponsored by Great Nashua Smart Start. Participants learned about trauma-responsive approaches/care for young children in the classroom (birth - age 8), as well as address mental health support/self-care for educators.

Nashua also held a dynamic virtual event, "Diversity in Children's Books". The training was recorded and can be viewed [here](#) with the passcode: 2?TYsZu2 and here's a [handout](#) from the event.

New Hampshire Family NOW

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- Parenting in a [Digital Dystopia](#) with Dr. Loretta L.C. Brady
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Lunch and Learns

The Alliance is conducting a series of lunch and learn sessions to build a deeper understanding about specific topics related to the issues and work happening in the field related child care. We are learning from each other and coalition partners. Each session is recorded and shared with the Alliance members and others who joined the call. Child care director networks, innovative approaches to workforce development in the Upper Valley, and a behavioral health consultation model in EC Region 2 (Capital Region) were the first three topics. Please reach out to [Sarah Fox](#) if interested in receiving the links to these discussion .



Waterford Upstart has open enrollment for children entering kindergarten in 2023. This free, on-line literacy program also provides a laptop and internet access if needed.

Registration has been extended until January. Questions? There are upcoming zoom information sessions. Wednesday [January 18 @ 6pm](#) and Thursday, [January 19 @ 11:30am](#). Contact Jean Ryan at jeanryan@waterford.org