

# COALITION CONNECTION



March 31, 2023



## Website Launch

The Alliance is thrilled to announce the debut of its new [website](#). The website is intended to be a place where our partners can learn more about the Alliance, what we do, and provide a "one stop shop" to find all of the members of the Alliance, both early childhood coalitions and the Early Childhood Region Leads. There is so much happening in the early childhood care and education space, that we hope you will find our website and our newsletter a place where you can learn about all of the good work happening throughout the state!



## Spotlight - Family Child Care

The Child Development Bureau and Head Start Collaboration/PDG are working with the Early Childhood Regional Leads to provide direct funding and support to family child care providers based on the individual needs identified by the local providers. The funds are focused expanding and enhancing infant-toddler care by providing one-time grants to support technical assistance to existing and potential providers in order to increase the number of children served in the program, improve quality, and support start up costs. In some regions Regions, there's been between 12-7 existing programs and 1-4 new start up programs who are engaged with this grant program.

Existing programs have indicated a range of requests including outdoor play items like swings and sandboxes, feeding and sleeping items like high chairs and cribs and safety items like group strollers with belts.

## April is Prevention Month

The NH Children's Trust has a number of ways to get involved for [April's Prevention in Partnership](#). Check out the many resources to show your support and to participate in **Wear Blue Day on March 31**.



## Calendar of Events



Collective Impact Webinar: [How to Support a Sustainable and Resilient Collaboration](#), April 3, 2-3pm

[To Stay or Not to Stay?](#) Stay, Work, Play releases it 2023 survey results of Young Granite Staters. April 4 7:30-9:00am Bank of NH State, Concord.

[Climate Change, Children's Health, and Equity](#) -April 11, 6pm. Hosted by CHICKS (the Climate and Health Initiative for Children of Kearsarge & Sunapee).

[Register](#)

[Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs](#) Training Series starting April 19, 6-8pm, Granite State College. [Flyer](#)

[Building Trauma Responsive Communities and Organizations](#), Pinetree Institute May 5, 9-4 Online

[NAMI NH Annual Conference](#) May 11.

## Notice Opportunity for Public Comment

Part C IDEIA Early Intervention Grant Application

Public notice on the application by the Department of Health and Human Services for federal funds to plan for and provide services to infants and toddlers with disabilities ages birth through two years as provided for under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA, reauthorized 2004), is provided during the period: March 17, 2023 to May 16, 2023.

Read the [proposed application](#) and [General Education Provisions Act \(GEPA\) form](#)



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY MOVEMENT

Child Trends, Endowment for Health, and community members across New Hampshire worked together to form the Early Childhood Equity Movement (ECEM), which aims to address and improve access to services such as early care and education, health care, and other family services for racially and culturally diverse families in New Hampshire. A [new Child Trends brief](#) details community strengths and challenges and recommendations for organizations that provide and advocate for social services, including the need to improve coordination across services and communities.

On January 19, 2023, Child Trends and community co-researchers shared lessons learned from conversations with parents and caregivers of children under 8. Representatives from the early childhood field (service providers and agencies, policymakers, funders, families, business leaders, government, and others interested in making New Hampshire a better place for our children and families) spent time together to brainstorm together on ways to turn community challenges into community strengths. View the webinar: [Family Stories: Building Equitable Futures for All NH Children](#)

To learn more about the [Early Childhood Equity Movement](#) and join the movement at the Endowment for Health's website.



Climate and Health Initiative  
for Children  
in Kearsarge & Sunapee

CHICKS, the Climate and Health Initiative for Children in Kearsarge & Sunapee was selected for funding as an inaugural project of the Center for Advancing Rural Health Equity (CARHE) at Dartmouth. Read more about it [here](#). For additional information please contact Dr. Bob Friedlander ([rfriedlander.jr@gmail.com](mailto:rfriedlander.jr@gmail.com))

## ACERT Expansion: RFPs to Communities





Amoskeag Health is releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for communities to apply for funding towards replication of the ACERT model. The details of the project scope of work and submission guidelines are included in the [linked PDF](#). A request for up to \$40,000 of funding is available for up to 10 New Hampshire communities who are interested in developing an ACERT in collaboration with the ACERT Technical Assistance Center.

Please submit a notification of intent to apply for this RFP by 5PM 4/10/23. Proposals should be submitted by email no later than 5PM on 4/24/23.

All notifications of intent and proposals should be emailed to Katie Burns at [kburns@amoskeaghealth.org](mailto:kburns@amoskeaghealth.org)



## Recent reports and briefs

- Carsey School of Public Policy released the 2022 PDG Needs Assessment on March 28. Briefs, papers and infographics can be found [here](#).
- Endowment for Health's 2022 Annual [Report](#)
- Help Me Grow: Strengthening Families and Supporting Caregiver Goals [Report](#) 
- Addressing Complex and Cross-Boundary Challenges in Government: [The Value of Strategy Mapping](#) Case #3, page 31 highlights Alliance partner InsightVision.)
- New Hampshire ARP Child Care Stabilization [Fact Sheet](#)
- Programs and Services in Approved State Prevention Program Plans - [See Evidence Based Programs](#) DCYF (and all 50 states) are funding with Title IV-E dollars
- Check out [DHHS's Roadmap for 2023](#).
-  Early Educator Engagement and Empowerment (E4) [Toolkit](#)
- Place Matters: What Surrounds Us Shapes Us [Policy Guide](#) and [Infographics](#) - Harvard's Center on the Developing Child



The State is offering PPE supplies free of charge to eligible verified non-profit agencies and facilities. [Click here](#) to learn more about this time limited offer.

## The New Hampshire Association for Infant Mental Health (NHAIMH) Request for Workshop Proposals

NHAIMH is accepting proposals for workshop presentations at their annual conference taking place on September 21 & 22, 2023 at UNH in Durham. They are seeking workshop proposals (1-1.5 hours) on related topics, including but not limited to:

- The importance of quality relationships between infants and primary caregivers
- How fathers can foster emotional resilience
- Parenting as partners
- Overcoming barriers
- Mindfulness techniques in parenting
- The importance of diversity & inclusion in fostering resilience
- Family engagement

If you are interested in presenting, please submit a [Workshop Proposal](#).

## Nashua's Community Baby Shower

The Community Baby Shower is an exciting event to help new and expecting low-income parents in Greater Nashua. Families are invited to this educational celebration to learn about the community support available to them and pick items from our "baby boutique" to help them get started with the new addition to their family!

Throughout the month of March, United Way is asking community of volunteers, supporters, friends, and champions to come together to support the new families attending the event by purchasing items from the [wish list](#).

For more information contact United Way of Greater Nashua and [info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) or (603)882-4011. [Register](#) for this event,



Shaping Us is a campaign to highlight the importance of early childhood. [Watch this video](#) to see how and how our early childhood shapes the adults we become.



Child Care Aware and Choose Love partnered

to offer three pop up webinars hosted by Scarlett Lewis. Below are the links to each of the three sessions:

[1: Scarlett's Story](#)

[2: Making Choose Love Accessible for Everyone - Tools you can use to stay on the Choose Love path and bring joy into your life, every day.](#)

[3: Checking-in - Tools that have been impactful for you - How to keep moving forward \(Growth Mindset\)](#)

Questions about Choose Love?  
Reach out to [Shannon Desilets](#)



Learn. Lead.  
Create  
Change.

The NH Leadership Series Class of 2024 application is now available. [Apply or nominate someone today!](#)

Interested in building relationships with others who support disability rights in New Hampshire? Want to learn more about innovative practices for people with disabilities and their families leading to welcoming and supportive schools and communities?

Applications are due May 30.

## New Hampshire Conversations

Red River Cares - [A conversation with Cathy Pellerin](#), Executive Director of Claremont Learning Partnership. Learn how Cathy has expanded the CLP's mission to increase educational access, attainment, and opportunities for the local at-risk youth population.

The Power of Prevention - [Adverse Childhood Experiences, Resilience, and Prevention](#) Felicity Bernard, Director of the NH [Pediatric Improvement Partnership](#) shared her knowledge and experience. Hear about this important work in Trauma-Informed Pediatric Primary Care hosted by [The Partnership @drugfreeNH](#)

NH Children's Trust's [NH Family NOW](#) podcast has recently hosted a number of NH featured guests discussing topics ranging from "sharenting" to anxiety and storytelling.

[What We Resist Persists](#) - [Lynn Lyons](#)  
[First Drafts of History](#) - [Laura Knoy](#)  
[Be Kind, Robots](#) - [Leah Plunkett](#)

## From Early Learning New Hampshire

Finding Ways to Save your Money Just Got Easier with the **SELA Platform!**

Meet your Personal Business Expert, Andrea Bimonte, who'll help you save money on your everyday business needs. A short conversation is all it takes to find out what savings programs will



make an immediate impact on your bottom line and help you find ways to pay less and stretch your dollars further. Contact her for personalized assistance with accessing discounts on early learning and office supplies, food delivery, waste management, payroll processing, and more vendor savings programs available on the SELA Platform!

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