

COALITION CONNECTION



Summer 2023

Fourth Early Childhood Convening

The Alliance hosted its fourth Early Childhood Convening on June 12 at the Delta Dental in Concord with sixty-five participants from a variety of early childhood sectors. The day highlighted the value and importance of sharing innovative models between Coalitions and Regions and how community partners came together to implement those ideas at the local level. Examples included Welcome Baby Bags, facilitated playgroups, family support programming co-located in schools, ACERT, and child care staff mentoring and coaching. A dynamic panel of funders also shared their perspectives about the national and NH landscape in early childhood system building efforts and where they see positive momentum. The next convening will be held in the fall and we hope you can join us!



Over the Edge Fundraiser

Early Childhood Coalition Partner and Family Leader

Fabiolo Lazo is a leader of the Greater Nashua Smart Start Strong Families Parent Network. She participated in Over the Edge on behalf of Smart Start to raise awareness and funds for Early Childhood Success and Parent Engagement. She raised more than \$1,000 which will be used for parent engagement activities. Craig Houston was an integral team member in Concord Coalitions and rocked the Over the Edge Challenge!

Congratulations to you both!



Calendar of Events



2023 ACERT Summit

Doubletree - Downtown, Manchester, NH
August 14th-15th, 2023

2023 Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference

DoubleTree by Hilton, Manchester, NH
September 6th-7th, 2023

Strengthening Families Summit, NH Children's Trust

Grappone Center, Concord, NH
September 13th, 2023

Council For Thriving Children

NH Employment Security - Tobey Building
45 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
September 20th, 2023

New Hampshire Association for Infant Mental Health Annual Conference

Holloway Commons, UNH, in Durham, NH
September 21st-22nd, 2023

Keys to Quality Child Care Fall Conference

Manchester Community College
September 30, 2023
[Registration link](#)

HIRING

NH Children's Trust

Early Childhood Specialist
Communications Director
Senior Program Director
Office Manager & HR Assistant

Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration Credentialing Specialist

Upper Room

Child Care Specialist for TIPS program
Youth Support Specialist

Monadnock United Way

Donor Relations Manager
Full-Time Operations Specialist

HIRING

Updates and news from the Early Childhood Regions and Local Coalitions

Resource knowledge and coordination were priorities for EC Regions and local Coalitions. Region 2, the Capital Area created a resource navigation guide for providers to help increase knowledge and the ability for increased "warm hand-offs" View the guide [here](#). [Read](#) about a partnership with Lincoln Financial to support early literacy in Region 2.

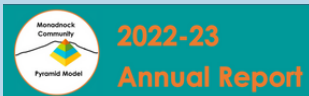


Lower Grafton Council for Young Children and Families launched a new [website](#) and an engaging [family guide](#) for families looking for resources in the area.

[Coos Coalition for Young Children and Families](#) completed a website refresh too. Scroll down and to the right, you can watch the just released, "We are the North Country" video.



Impact Monadnock recently launched a [Nature-Based Teaching & Learning Professional Learning Community](#), released an [annual report](#) for Pyramid Model implementation, and [collaborated](#) with Hinsdale Police Department and community partners to begin an ACERT program.



Planning for Full-Service Community Schools

The [Full-Service Community Schools \(FSCS\)](#) program of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education provides support for the planning, implementation, and operation of full-service community schools that improve the coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families, particularly for children attending high-poverty schools, including high-poverty rural schools. The NH PDG is funding planning grants to the following:

- Concord School District (SAU 8)
- Manchester School District (SAU 37)
- Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District (SAU 47)
- Seabrook School District Elementary School (SAU 21)
- Coos Coalition for Young Children and Families and North Country Education Services, proxy for Berlin and White Mountain Regional School Districts (SAU 3 and SAU 36)
- Granite United Way, Greater Seacoast Region, proxy for Somersworth Ready Together (SRT) Early Childhood Coalition and Somersworth School District (SAU 56)



Summer reading



[New England Households Rely on a Mix of Child Care Arrangements](#)

[New Englanders' Use of Child Care Varies by Income, Even Among Working Households](#)

Read Report [Revisiting Integrated Efficient Early Care and Education Systems](#) from the Bipartisan Policy Center and a [NH specific fact sheet](#)

[Moving the Whole Family Ahead: Realizing the 2-gen Potential of Early Childhood Program by Integrating Economic Mobility Coaching](#)

[Power to the Profession - Unifying Framework for the Early Childhood Education Profession](#)

[In Brief: Learning from the New Round of PDG B-5 Systems Building Grants](#)

[Retirement for early educators: Challenges and possibilities](#)

From the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

[Read](#) how a unique collaboration supported immediate family needs through the Trestle Funds.

[Register to join](#) the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation in their upcoming "A New Hampshire for All" community celebrations and conversations in September:

Tuesday, September 12 | Keene
Thursday, September 14 | Rochester
Tuesday, September 19 | Plymouth
Tuesday, September 26 | Manchester
Wednesday, September 27 | Norwich,
VT



Step Up Parents

Step Up Parents offers financial assistance to New Hampshire grandparents and other relative caregivers who have stepped up to raise the children of parents struggling with substance use disorder. We fill gaps in household budgets and respond to a family's immediate financial needs. By assisting care-givers who are raising children deeply impacted by parental addiction, we give them more than monetary support— we give them hope and remind them that they are not alone. Step Up Parents destigmatizes substance misuse and provides a safe forum in which caregivers can ask for help. Step Up Parents believes that "even heroes need a hand."

You may apply directly or if you are working with a social worker or case worker, they may apply on your behalf. Typically, we respond to an application within 24 hours and make a funding decision and distribution within 48 hours. We do not give money directly to families but rather pay vendors and service providers directly on their behalf or supply a gift card for requested items. If you or someone you know is a relative caregiver raising children of a loved one struggling with substance misuse, please visit www.stepupparents.org, call 603-319-4739, or email info@stepupparents.org.

The Early Childhood Prevention and Treatment Program for Behavioral Health

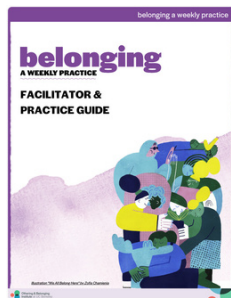
aims to address the unique mental and behavioral health needs of at-risk young children (ages 0 through 5) and their caregivers by providing Early Childhood Wraparound through the state's two Care Management Entities (CME), NFI North Inc. and Connected Families New Hampshire. To learn more, here's a [presentation](#), a [program overview](#) and the [referral form](#)

Belonging: A Weekly Practice Space

helpful facilitator and practice guide

Intended Audience

- People interested in facilitating belonging or about belonging in groups or organizations.
- People who are interested in a variety of learning modalities or adding new facilitation techniques to their toolbox.



Watch latest videos from Alliance members (click on the title to view)

Queen City Family Advisory Council

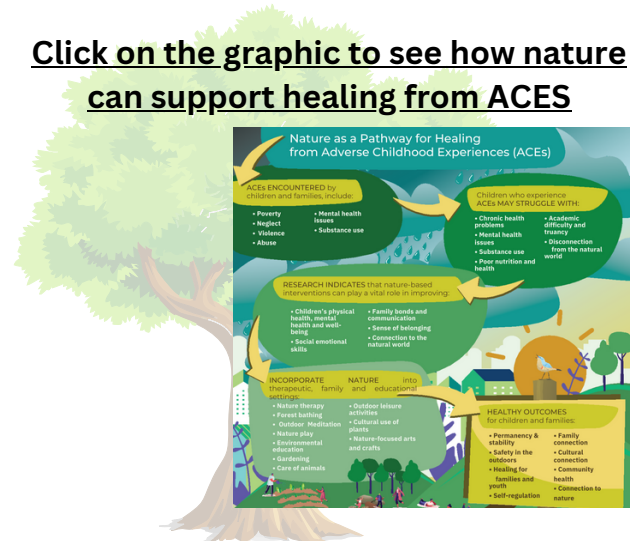
Amoskeag Health connecting parents in Manchester to community resources and support services.

Preparing our Youth for Kindergarten

Hear from Cora Hoppe about how Granite United Way, the Rochester Early Childhood Coalition and Rochester Child Care collaborate to support the children transitioning into Kindergarten.



Click on the graphic to see how nature can support healing from ACEs



NH News and Commentary

[Solve child care and 'we're going to live in one hell of a great state'](#)

[Bringing It Home Project in the Monadnock Region](#)

[Op-Ed-Homegrown Solution Program Gives Boost to Addressing the Regions Child Care Shortage](#)

[Op-Ed Building blocks for the Granite State's children](#) - Emily Lawrence

[Child care funding at forefront of Executive Council contracts](#)

Child Care Request For Proposals

Curious to read the recently approved child care RFPs?
[Click here](#) for a compilation of the RFPs from the G&C Agendas June 28 and July 17.

July 17 Updates For the Child Care Scholarship

[Click Here](#) to Read the Letter to Providers From DHHS
[Child Care Scholarship Program Weekly Standard Rates](#)
[Child Care Scholarship Income Eligibility Levels](#)

Important Opportunity to Provide Public Comment

Read [copy of Dear Colleague message](#) from DHHS/DES's Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration. They are encouraging NH stakeholders to provide public comment for the Federal Office of Child Care related to the 2025-2027 Child Care Development Fund Plan Pre-Print and Proposed Rulemaking. Per the email, "OCC has made it very clear that public comment will weigh heavily in their revision."

Child care Licensing Rules Revisioning Committee

The Child Care Advisory Council solicited volunteers from each of the Early Childhood Regions to serve on a select committee to work on licensing rule revisions. The CCAC ensured there are a variety of program types and sizes represented, Updates from the Committee to the field take place during the Early Learning New Hampshire's biweekly call. [Click here](#) for archived meeting recordings and materials. Each of the individuals below have agreed to serve as liaisons to their respective EC Region child care colleagues to ensure communication flows from providers directly to the committee. The CCAC will be discussing the Committee's work when it meets on August 10, 1-2:30 at One Delta Dental Drive in Concord. You can attend in person or [register](#) to listen via Zoom.

Volunteer Members of the Revision Committee

1	Jennifer Plante	Home Away from Home	HAFH2008@gmail.com	LCC Small
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6	Francesca Trial	CAPSC	Ftrial@straffordcap.org	Multi-Site Head Start
6	Anne Grassie	Rochester CC	rccag@metrocast.net	School Age
6	Cora Hoppe	Rochester CC	choppe@rochesterchildcare.org	Multi-Site SA
7	Shannon Robinson	Lincoln Woodstock CCC	lwcccc@myfairpoint.net	LCC Medium
7	Ardis Yahna	Children Unlimited Inc.	ayahna@childrenunlimitedinc.org	Early Intervention



Give a listen



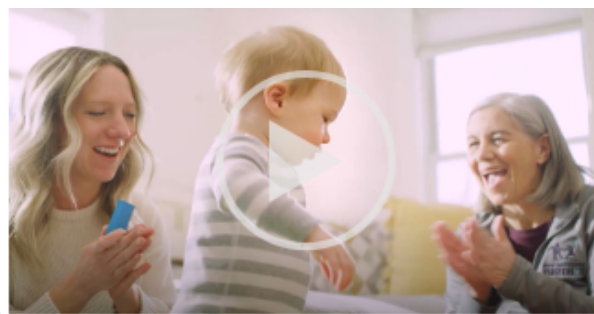
Garrett Lavallee Principal of Spaulding Academy and Family Services and Scarlett Lewis discuss how Spaulding embeds Choose Love in all aspects of the programs for students and staff. [Episode #82](#)

Mandy Grenier, from Impact Monadnock, is featured on the Consciously Inspired Minds Podcast [Helping our Kids Transform their Lives through Mind-Body Awareness: Tools & Tips with Mandy Grenier](#)

[How a baby's early experiences can shape their health later in life](#)

[Greater Nashua Smart Start Coalition - Baby Shower - NHPR story.](#)

Parents or other caregivers who have concerns about an infant's or toddler's development can get coaching and support through the [New Hampshire Birth to 3 early intervention program.](#) [Click below to view the new PSA.](#)



Please share with your pediatric primary care colleagues working in NH

[Survey from NH MCAP Mental Health Care Access in Pediatrics](#)

Your participation in this research (IRB-FY2023-216) is critical to inform future initiatives, helping to ensure that we continue to move forward collectively as a state and not duplicate efforts or repeat lessons already learned by our colleagues. <http://ow.ly/7Hrj500A7o2>