

COALITION CONNECTION



Winter 2024

Convening Coalitions and Collaborators

The Alliance hosted two events in late 2023. In November, the Alliance worked with the Boston Federal Reserve Bank, Granite United Way, Monadnock United Way, Greater Nashua United Way and the Endowment for Health to host a convening for businesses to discuss innovative ways businesses are working to support families in child care.

Participants heard about data from Sarah Savage and engaged with a dynamic panel moderated by Gene Martin, with panelist Robert MacLeod, Dominic Perkins, and Emily Hall Warren. Materials from that event can be found [here](#).



In December, the Alliance hosted its 5th Early Childhood Convening. The theme was communication. Participants heard from Shannon Desilets from Choose Love and Hannah Maynard-Yung and Bethany Warnock shared information about the Early Childhood Wraparound Program. An interactive panel shared different perspectives on their experiences with different types of communication

strategies. Panelist included Erin Cayer, Nathan Fink, Cora Hoppe and Nisa Similia. The discussion and energy in the room was fantastic. The materials are posted [here](#).

Community Recognition of Collaborative

Milford Thrives-Milford Kids Thrive was honored to receive the award for Best Children's Resource from The Greater Merrimack-Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce!



We are grateful for the efforts of our Collaborative partners and proud to be working together to foster a community where families feel supported and [#milfordkidsthive](#).

Calendar of Events



Preschool DRDP Training Offerings NH

Department of Education Bureau of Office of Training and Monitoring
[List of trainings and registration](#)
Feb-May

Fourth Annual HOPE Summit: The HOPE Transformation

Virtual Event - [Register Here](#)
March 20 & 21, 2024

NAMI NH Virtual Conference

[Save the date](#)
Evening of March 26
Day of March 27

Save the Date: The Annual Celebration of New Hampshire Early Childhood Professionals

April 8, 2024
Grappone Center, Concord

Lunch and Learns

Join us for our Lunch and Learn series featuring child care related topics. The Workforce Recruitment and Retention recording and materials [are available](#).

We'll be hearing from Joelyn Drennan from Granite United Way about the Child Care Business and Employer Partnership Project on Feb 15. [Register here](#). On March 6, CDFA will join us to discuss the family child care work. March 21 we will be hosting another session, presenter to be announced. [Register here](#)

What does it mean? Check out this helpful [ECE Training and TA Glossary](#).

In the field

Early Childhood Regions throughout the state will be supporting child care director networks, either by supporting existing networks or working to catalyze new networks. If you are interested in learning more about what's happening, reach out to the EC Regional lead in your area, just click on the name next to the Region. Not sure what Region you are in?

Check out this [map](#).

Region 1 Monadnock United Way [Ellen Taetzsch](#)

Region 2 Granite United Way [Sam Durfee](#)

Region 3 Greater Nashua United Way [Liz Fitzgerald](#)

Region 4 Amoskeag Health [Stephanie Savard](#)

Region 5 Granite United Way [Laura Sheers](#)

Region 6 Granite United Way [Liz Belsito](#)

Region 7 Children's Unlimited [Ardis Yahna](#)

The north country is experiencing an unprecedented number of child care program closures. [Read](#) the Coös Child Care Tactical Team report about the scope of the problem and what families want from child care. On January 24, over 60 people from the region came together for a child care solutions convening. There will be a summary report from that event soon, which will be posted on the Alliance's website.



Bringing it Home

The Monadnock Economic Development Corporation is working to support family child care programs with an innovative model. [Read](#) the interview with Cody Morrison, Executive Director and NH Charitable Foundation's Lois Shea.



Newsletters? Sign me Up!

We often come across newsletters that provide great, useful information. Some are NH specific and others capture issues at a national level. If you've ever wanted to see what is out available in the early childhood space or organizations that are connected to this important work, we've [compiled a list](#) for you! Let us know if we're missing any you regularly read.

Did you know? DHHS has just started offering a number of newsletters: here's a sampling

[Community Health Workers](#)

Early Childhood Related: [December](#), [January](#), [February](#).



Winter Reading

- [Winter 2023 Pass it On Newsletter NH Family Voices](#)
- [Stepping Stones NH New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [The Status of Women in New Hampshire](#) - New Hampshire Women's Foundation
- [2024 Race for Results](#) Annie E. Casey Foundation
- [A Brief Review of Languages Spoken in New Hampshire](#) New Hampshire Center for Justice and Equity
- [The Journey to a Well-Being-Oriented System](#) - Harvard Kennedy School
- [Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being in Schools: An Action Guide for School and District Leaders](#) - CDC
- [From the Ground Up: Improving Child Care and Early Learning Facilities](#) Bipartisan Policy Center
- [Early Education in U.S. States: A Toolkit for State Policy Makers](#) Center for American Progress
- [A Theory of Change for Primary Prevention in the U.S.](#) Prevent Child Abuse America
- [The Economic Argument for Child Care Is Urgent. But Is a Child Care System Built for Maximizing Economic Returns Best for the People Involved?](#) Early Learning Nation
- Series of child care [blogs](#) and [briefs](#) from the NH Fiscal Policy Institute. Find more briefs and "[Data Bytes](#)" under [Education](#)

Statewide Recruitment and Retention



Public Consulting Group (PCG) has been contracted by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to focus on early childhood and out of school time recruitment and retention. There are several exciting activities launching in 2024, including implementation of a Survey for the field, asking about experiences related to recruitment and retention, as well as a series of Focus Groups around the state. Generous incentives have been included for those participating! If interested in participating in a Focus Group to share more about your experiences getting into and working in the field, as well as experiences working to recruit staff, please complete this [Focus Group Interest Form](#).

These activities will comprise components of a statewide Recruitment and Retention study. The study will also include findings from a series of piloted innovative approaches which will be occurring around the state between now and September 2024. Additionally, PCG will also be releasing several resources for the field including a Workforce Recruiting Kit, Workforce Recruiting Guide, and several new professional development offerings. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming months! If you would like additional information or have questions, please contact the team at NHCCworkforce@pcgus.com.

Advocacy

It's a busy time at legislature this year with 1000+ bills to be heard in committees. NH has a number of organizations who work on advocating for the health and well-being of children, families and the professionals who work with them (click on "[Advocacy](#)" tab). If you are interested in NH data that influences decision makers, check out the bipartisan [NH Fiscal Policy Institute's](#) website that has timely and important analysis on critical issues impacting children and families.

New Futures is hosting an [advocacy training on February 13 from 3-4](#).

Ever wondered how you can engage in advocacy while working in the nonprofit sector or government? Check out these two recent webinars:

[Nonprofit Advocacy: Getting Your Toes Up to the Line Without Going Over - Webinar 1/17](#)

[Government Employees: Advancing the Policy Conversation Webinar 1/24](#)



Jobs of Interest



[New Futures](#)

Communications Coordinator
Community Engagement Coordinator
for Early Care and Education

[NH Charitable Foundation](#)

Director of Organizational Learning and
Talent Development
Program Officer, Grantmaking and
Community Engagement

[CASA Staff Attorney](#)

[Waypoint](#)

Early Childhood Education Project
Manager

[Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley](#)

[Executive Director](#)

Bee CALM Backpacks

These backpacks are designed to help create a safe physical & emotional environment for children during an emergency. Learn more [here](#).



Children with Disabilities

Procedural Safeguards and Surrogate Parents

When children are referred for Birth to 3 services (Family Centered Supports and Services) or to a school district for a special education evaluation after age 3, there are many specific timelines and rules that area agencies and school districts must follow. The procedural safeguard handbook must be given or offered to the parents at least once a year and at specific other times during the process. Both handbooks were updated in 2023. [Procedural Safeguard Handbook](#) (Revised 11/23) [Know Your Rights](#) (Revised 6/23)

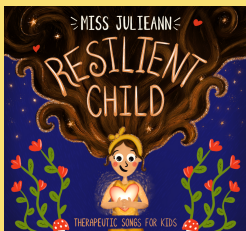
Did you know there is a great need for volunteer educational surrogate parents? It is an important role in the lives of children who need of a legal decision maker should a parent not be able to do so. Learn more about this important these programs for [birth-3](#) and [3-22](#)

Read the November 2023 [Policy Statement on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs](#) by the US Departments of Health and Human Services and Education.

Child Care Notes

1. [Child Care Accelerate](#) website launches! Read the DHHS Press [release](#) about the child care business enhancement work.
2. The [NH Child Care Advisory Council](#) has a new [website](#). Check it out.
3. [Child Care Market Rate Survey](#) is open. Provider insights are crucial. [Read more here](#).

NH Artist Releases Widely Acclaimed Album



MISS JULIEANN

Miss Julieann is a New Hampshire artist whose new album, **Resilient Child**, was designed to help teach children resilience skills. As a board-certified music therapist and children's musician, Miss Julieann creates music with a therapeutic approach.

About: missjulieann.com

Listen here: [Resilient Child Music](#)
[YouTube](#)
[Instagram](#)



Grant Corner

NH Children's Health Foundation grants are open for general operating funds for certain, targeted priorities.

Couch Foundation's spring application period is open Feb 1-Apr 15. [Grant descriptions](#)

 **CLiF Applications are OPEN**
The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire a love of reading and writing among children up to age 12 throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. Applications are available for the following opportunities: [Community Literacy Grant](#), [SPARK Grant](#), [Literacy Enrichment Grant](#)
Close date 2/16

21st Century Community Learning Grants
This federal funding stream focuses on out of school time programming for expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending high poverty schools. [Application](#) and [website](#).

Congratulations to the Manchester School District which recently received the Full Service Community School Grant. Read the [application here](#).

Let the Professional Development Come to You

Child Care Aware of NH is offering free **on-site mini conferences in 2024**.

Program directors may select from [several professional development topics](#). These interactive, in-person workshops are provided right at the program. Fun giveaways included. Contact Dee Dee Thurber at Dthurber@snhs.org

Interested in the CCANH training calendar for the next few months? Click [here](#).