

COALITION CONNECTION



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New Alliance Members, Leaders, and Name

We've changed our name: The New Hampshire Alliance of Regional Early Childhood Coalitions has changed its name to The New Hampshire Alliance of Early Childhood Coalitions. This change was made to help lessen confusion in the field with the implementation of the NH Regional Early Childhood System where there are now seven named "Regional Leads" serving as backbone organizations. The Alliance's work supports both the local early childhood coalitions and the Regions. Take a look at this [visual](#) to see how the Regional backbone organizations and Coalitions are connected.

We're growing: We recently welcomed three Early Childhood Coalitions as official members of the Alliance; [Milford Kids Thrive](#), [Lower Grafton County Council for Young Children and Families](#) and the [Greater Derry LAUNCH Pad](#). These Coalitions have regular meetings, cross-sector representation, and an established governance structure.

Two new individual member highlights: Several new people have joined the work with the Regions and Coalitions. We will be highlighting them in the upcoming editions. To start off, a big welcome to Dr. Susan Norton, who serves as the Program Coordinator for the Greater Derry LAUNCH. Sue comes to this Coalition work with 30+ years working in the ECCE field. She just completed her Doctorate researching nature based preschool teacher satisfaction. We're thrilled to have her knowledge and expertise!

Ellen Taetzsch recently joined Monadnock United Way as the Region 1 Systems Manager. Previously, Ellen worked in Vermont where she served as a Regional Manager for Building Bright Futures, VT's early childhood public-private network infrastructure comprised of 12 regional councils, 7 action plan committees and a State Advisory council. We are excited to learn from her experiences in early childhood state System Coordination!

SAVE THE DATE: September 22 9-4 Concord.



NH Children's Trust Strengthening Families Summit
The Power of Stories - The Prevention Connection.

Interested in presenting?

Here's the [Call for presenters](#) and [submission form](#).



Calendar of Events

May 27, 1-2 Harvard School of Government "[Engaging Families in Voluntary Services](#)" featuring two NH presenters from DCYF and an NH FRC and June 9, 12-1 [Making investments in community-based voluntary care outside the child welfare system](#) featuring Joe Ribsam, Director, DCYF

June 14, 9:30-12 SNHU Endowment for Health Annual Meeting. [Click to register](#).

Collective Impact Forum - [Relational Work of Systems Change Virtual Office Hour Series](#)
May 24, June 7, July 20

BUILD 2022 [Virtual Conference](#) July 11-13



Saturday, June 4 from 8:30-9:30
Concord Statehouse

For more details and to [RSVP](#)

This event is being organized by Save the Children Action Network, New Futures, the NH Child Care Advisory Council, MomsRising, the NH Community Loan Fund, the State Early Learning Alliance (SELA), Early Learning NH, and the NH Afterschool Network.

Early Childhood Convening and Family Leadership Strategy Map

On March 31, the Early Childhood Regional Leads and the Alliance hosted an Early Childhood Convening - Putting the Pieces Together. It was the first opportunity for the Regions and Coalitions to meet in person alongside some state and local partners. The meeting summary can be found [here](#). The next convening date is being finalized, but either August 4 or 5 are likely. Save those dates!

A team from the Alliance along with other state partners worked on a strategy map focusing on Authentic Family Leadership in System Design and Change as part of the Aces and Resiliency Resource Commons for Communities (ARRCC). The process the team went through is highlighted in this [video clip](#). This work building out this important strategy map will continue in the upcoming months.

ARPA Discretionary Funds, Granite Steps for Quality, Waterford Upstart

The DHHS Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration recently shared details for [their plan](#) ARPA Discretionary Funds. The

Bureau is also rolling out a new Quality, Recognition, and Improvement System (QRIS) called "The Granite Steps for Quality". A comprehensive resource guide, FAQs, webinar links and update information can be found on the [NH Connections website](#).

NHED is sponsoring Waterford Upstart, an at-home, early learning program that helps children build reading skills before kindergarten. NHED is partnering with Waterford to offer these services at no cost to any family with a child who is 4 and entering K or going to be entering K. [Summer program](#) and [Fall program](#) registration links.

Webinars Worth Watching

In this part of our newsletter, we will be highlighting webinars that Alliance members have identified as particularly helpful in our work. Check out the Hunt Institute's recent webinar: [Early Efforts | Strengthening Partnerships Between Districts & Community Early Childhood Providers](#)

Vital Communities Early Care and Education Childhood Initiatives Positions [Project Manager](#) [Project Coordinator](#)



ZERO TO THREE seeks diverse, early and mid-career (5 years to 15 years of professional experience) leaders who are passionate and driven toward the goal of advancing just and positive change in programs, systems, and policies affecting the well-being of young children and their families. [Learn more about the Fellowship experience](#). Applications are due June 13.



[The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center](#) in Antrim recently received the designation as a Family Resource Center of Quality by the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council. **Congratulations!**

Podcasts - Give a Listen

[NH Children's Trust - NH Family Now](#)

Zero to Three - [The Earliest](#)
Harvard Center for the Developing Child -
[The Brain Architects](#)
BUILD Initiative - [Critical Connections](#)



What are you listening to?