



COUNCIL FOR THRIVING CHILDREN

GOVERNOR'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2021

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Leader(s)
11:30 - 11:50	Welcome & Introductions	Christina Lachance
11:50 - 12:20	Department of Health and Human Services update	Tricia Tilley, Chris Santaniello
12:20 - 12:40	Department of Education Update	Christine Brennan
12:40 - 1:05	Prevention Strategies	Cliff Simmonds, Melissa Shadden-Cyr, Joe Risbam
1:05 - 1:20	Public Comment	Tricia Tilley, Christine Brennan
1:20 - 1:30	Closing	Christina Lachance

INTRODUCTIONS

Chris Santaniello		Christina MacDonald
Debra DeSimone	Commissioner Sheehan	Deborah Pendergast
Debra Nelson	Lisa English	Rebecca
Heather Y. Bell	Hon. Susan Ashley	Jackie Cowell
Jane Bard	Jeanne Agri	Kate Baker
Dr. Kimberly Nesbitt	Kimberly Rice	Lara Quiroga
Laurie Foster	Mary Lou Beaver	Michael Worsley
Pam Szacik	Patrick Herlihy	Patrick Long
Pheobe Backler	Rebecca Woitkowski	Sarah Stewart
Shawn Jasper	Tricia Tilley	Vicki Blanchard
Will Arvelo	Christine Brennan	Dee Pouliot
Dr. Ardis Olson	Dr. Stephen J. Zadravec	Becky Whitley

COUNCIL BUSINESS

- ✓ 2020 Year-in-Review
- ✓ B-8 RFP released
- ✓ Meeting minutes
- ✓ Strategic Plan update



Ad-Hoc Strategic Plan Advisory Team – March 31, 2:00-4:00

Michael Worsley
Jane Bard
Jackie Cowell
Rebecca Woitkowski
Phoebe Backler
Christine Brennan
Jackie Cowell
Chris Santaniello
Lara Quiroga
Tricia Tilley
Christina MacDonald
Kimberly Nesbitt

Council Staff:
Christina Lachance
Dylan Gatta



Department of Health and Human Services

*Update for
Council for Thriving Children*

Patricia Tilley, Deputy Director

Division of Public Health Services

Christine Santaniello, Director

Division of Economic and Housing Stability



How's Vaccine Rollout Going?

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When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?

Updated: 1/21/2021

DECEMBER - MARCH*



PHASE 1B
NOW OPEN

To register go to www.vaccines.nh.gov

- People 65 and older
- Medically vulnerable people under 65 who are at significantly higher risk with 2 or more conditions
- Family caregivers of medically vulnerable persons under 16 years old
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated



PHASE 2

MARCH - MAY*

PHASE 2A

- K-12 school and childcare staff

PHASE 2B

- People 50-64 years old



PHASE 3

MAY and BEYOND*

PHASE 3A

- Medically vulnerable people under 50 years old at moderately higher risk with 1 or more conditions

PHASE 3B

- Everyone else not already vaccinated

Visit vaccines.nh.gov or call 2-1-1 for more information.

*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the federal government and vaccine uptake.



ReadyNH.gov
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



1/21/21



COMING SOON: Vaccine for Teachers and Child Care Providers!

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Phase 2a

K-12 Schools, Child Care, Camps

- Teachers
- Administrative & Custodial/Maintenance staff
- Bus drivers
- Food services/Kitchen staff
- Camp Counselors





- Public Health and health care systems that deliver and connect families to a continuum of services that promote early developmental health and family well-being.
- Increased and earlier access to promotion, prevention, and early intervention services
- Commitment and capacity to address systemic drivers of Prenatal to Age 3 health disparities and to advance equity in the early childhood system
- Family engagement and voice
- Promoting policies, practices, and financing strategies that support the integration of the health system into early childhood comprehensive systems
- State-level assets and infrastructure to support strong, sustainable cross-system coordination and alignment



Social Determinants of Wellness Framework

DRAFT for Preschool Development Grant document



ECCS & Council for Thriving Children: Proposed Partners

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New Hampshire Family Voices

- Family Leadership recruitment, mentoring, training
- Training for early childhood coalitions to enhance/include Family Leadership

Community Health Institute NH

- Health Equity training, QI/QA
- Needs and gaps analysis using NH Strategic Plan for Early Childhood and Family and Provider Input
- Provide summary and recommendations for gaps

Unite Us – Closed Loop Referrals

- Expand reach to Healthcare Provider

Statewide Community Partners Serving Pregnant Women and Young Children



Shared Work and Governance

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- Strengthening NH's early childhood infrastructure in all environments;
- Building the capacity of families, professional and non-professional caregivers, and educators throughout the state to meet the health and educational needs of NH's children;
- Ensuring an integrated and coordinated early childhood governance structure across state government and connected to local communities by providing ongoing needs assessment and strategic planning;
- Enhancing the interoperability of data systems within and across government agencies to inform and monitor program and service access, equity, and quality;
- Promoting parent knowledge and choice through sustained family and community engagement, support, resources, and feedback;
- Ensuring the sharing of best practice by establishing and sustaining a Center for Excellence and local/regional forums that support parents, professional caregivers, educators, and community members; and
- Expanding access and equity and improving transitions for children and their families across the span of early childhood supports, services, and educational environments.



Questions For YOU!

- 1** How could this opportunity improve the experience of young families with health care systems and connections to other services that promote healthy development?
- 2** What disparities in health outcomes among young children in NH are the most important for us to better understand?
- 3** What do you hope will happen as a result of this work?
- 4** How does the Council for Thriving Children want to advise and be informed about progress?



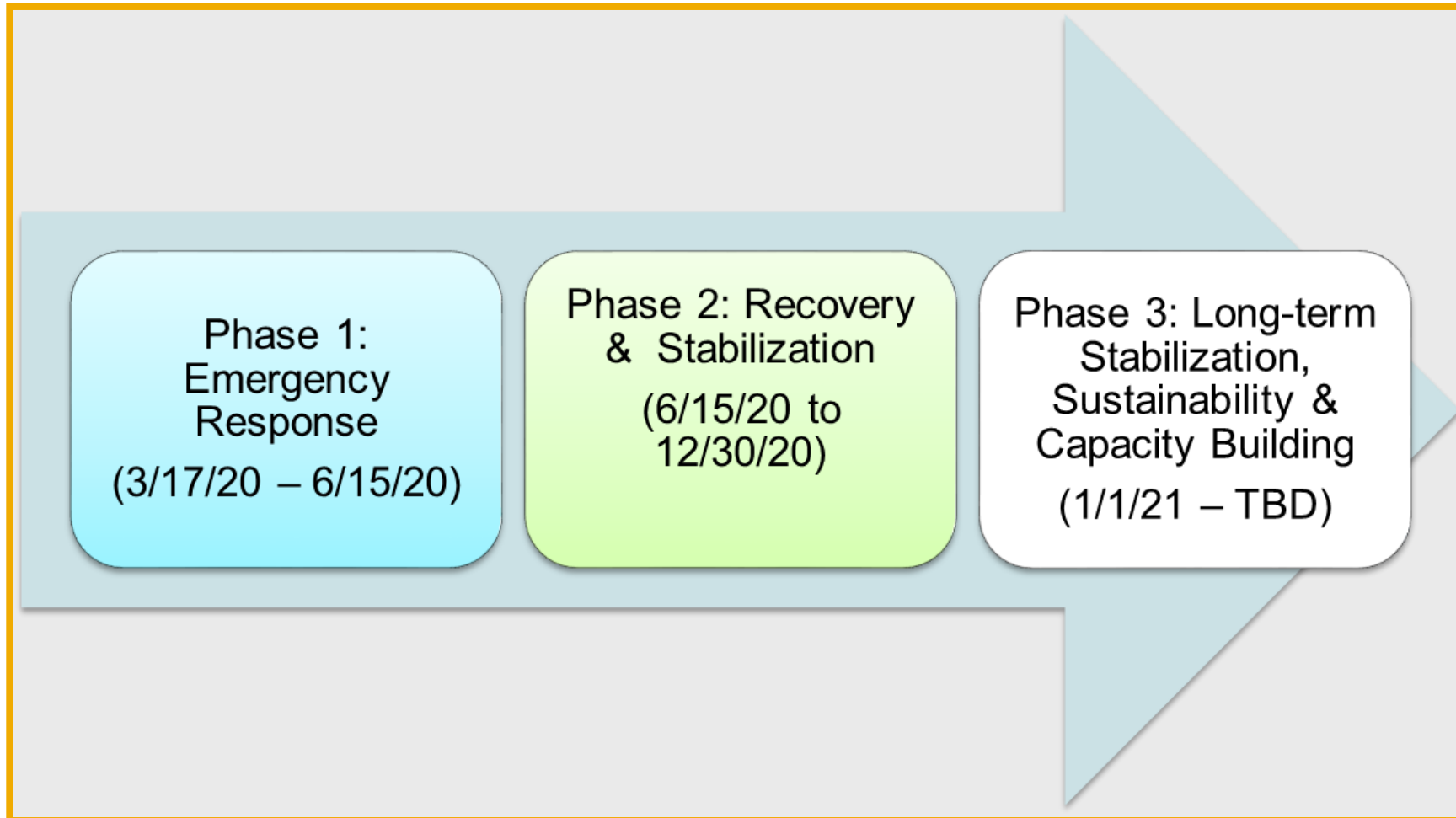
Child Care – Continuing to Support Families and the Industry

Chris Santaniello
Director
Division of Economic & Housing
Stability



A Multi-Phase Approach to Child Care Program Recovery, Stabilization and Sustainability

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INVESTMENTS IN CHILD CARE DURING COVID-19

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To date, over \$65 million has been invested to support NH's child care industry;

- Child Care Scholarship Program Disaster Days
- CCDF – paid Family Cost-Share
- Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP) Staff Incentive Program
- Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program (CCRSP)
- Health and Safety Supplies distribution
- Infrastructure & Capacity Building
- Coronavirus Child Care Assistance Supplemental (CCCAS)
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)
- Targeted employer child care subsidy
- Absentee billing related to COVID-19
- Full-time rate for school-age care for hours children would have been in school but for COVID-19



Sources of Funds for COVID Response:

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- ✓ Traditional Child Care Development Funds (CCDF)
- ✓ Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) CARES Act
- ✓ Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery
- ✓ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- ✓ Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA)
- ✓ Philanthropic Partners

This investment enabled 768 programs to offer 45,788 licensed or allowable child care/out-of-school enrollment opportunities across the state.



Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA)

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- State of NH received \$19, 867,552
- Applications were made live on March 1st
- Easy, streamlined application via NH Connections Information System
- Webinar and on-going technical assistance is available to inform and support the child care industry through the application process
- Applications close March 17th



New Hampshire's distribution of CRRSA Funds

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- Support Preventative and Protective child care program for children who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing maltreatment and/or abuse.
- Work towards an improved child care system that meets the needs of children, families, and NH's economy.



- Flexibility to meet child care industry's business needs:
 - Employee wages and one-time bonuses
 - Income loss
 - Increased operating and occupancy costs
 - Materials and supplies
 - Staff development and/or training
 - Tuition/fees to reduce family cost



Distribution of CRRSA funds, continued

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- At least 75% of funds will go directly to child care providers in local communities
- Family Child Care Providers will receive a fixed award in one invoice
- Child Care Centers will receive an award (over 2 invoices) based on the following formula:
 - ✓ Number of classrooms
 - ✓ Number of staff directly serving children and families (at least 51% of their time)
 - ✓ % of children receiving NH Child Care Scholarship

The remaining funds will be used to:

- Continue absentee billing through the end of April 2021.
- Provide full day child care for school aged children participating in a hybrid or remote learning schedule
- Promote Family Child Care expansion/access
- Foster workforce development in partnership with Bureau of Employment Supports



Child Care following the pandemic – Council Input and Ideas needed!

What do you feel are the top priorities?

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- Child Care is critical for New Hampshire's economic recovery.
- As parents return to work/children return to in-person school at an increasing rate, what will child care need to look like?
- Child care was fragile pre-pandemic and supply/demand data did not always coincide. What do we need to explore?
- Where do we invest and test new models for the provision of child care that takes into account family needs, staffing needs, and business and community needs?

WHAT
NEXT ?



What questions should the Department consider as we explore regional research to track and predict trends?

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Explore regional research to track and predict trends, such as:

- where is business and industry is moving?
- where do families with young children live and work?
- where is child care needed?
- what can we do in increase and support the child care workforce?
- What innovative child care solutions exist through family child care?

WHAT
NEXT ?



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Christine Brennan
Deputy Commissioner





PUBLIC CHARTER AND K-12 SYSTEM

SUPPORT FOR K-12 DURING COVID 19

FEDERAL COVID RESPONSE FUNDS K-12

\$305,916,348



Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

ESSER I: \$37,641,372

ESSER II: \$156,065,807

Governor's Emergency Relief Fund

GEER I: \$8,891,470

GEER II \$3,799,848

Emergency Assistance to Non Public Schools

EANS: \$7,069,209

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND NUTRITION -\$47,448,642



- ✓ During the pandemic, the USDA issued waivers, allowing school districts to provide to-go meals, deliver meals and even provide multiple days worth of meals at one time.
- ✓ Waivers allowed most families to access meals for free (normally just under 25% of students in New Hampshire are eligible for free or reduced lunch).
- ✓ School lunch and breakfast extended throughout summer

INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

- ✓ Rekindling Curiosity through Summer Camps
- ✓ Prenda Schools – micro schools, multiage programs
- ✓ Re-envisioning education



NH'S PREVENTION STRATEGIES



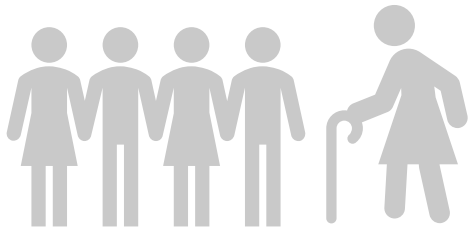


Kinship Navigation - Program Eligibility

Program participation is **free, voluntary** and open to grandparents and relative caregivers who are raising a child/children in the absence of the child/children's biological parents.



DCYF
Placement



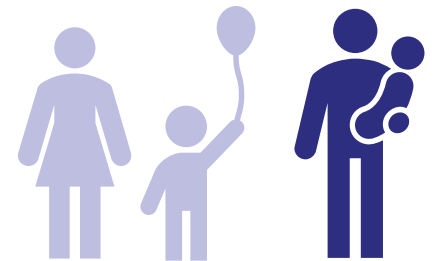
Legal Guardianship



Foster Care



Adoptions



Informal
Arrangements



Program Funding & Administration



State of New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)



Bureau of Economic and Housing Supports



Department of Child Youth Families (DCYF)



Center for Disease Control (CDC)



The Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs

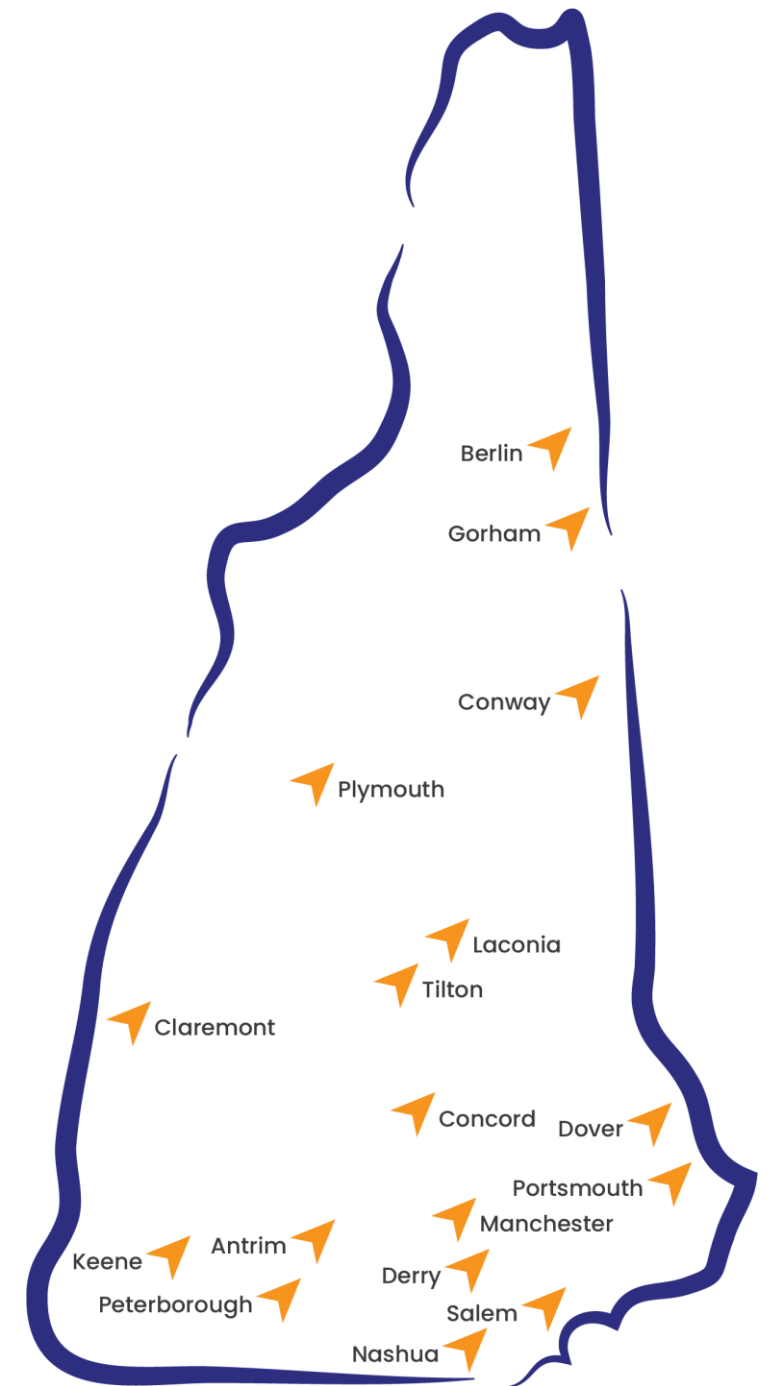


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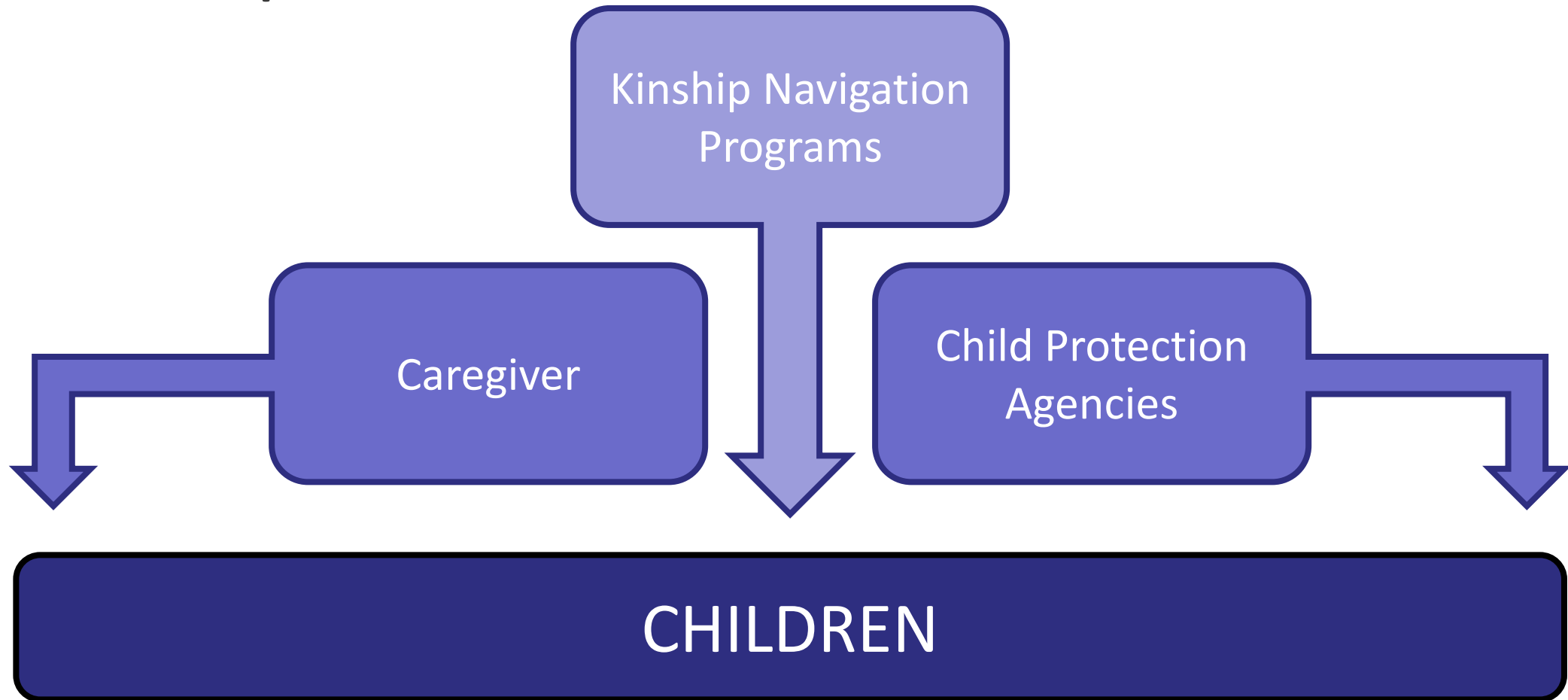




Kinship Navigation Program Locations



Kinship Navigation Programs Fill the Gap



The Role of the Kinship Navigator

TO PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE AND ENHANCE WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES THEY SERVE



EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



EDUCATION



GUIDANCE



INFORMATION



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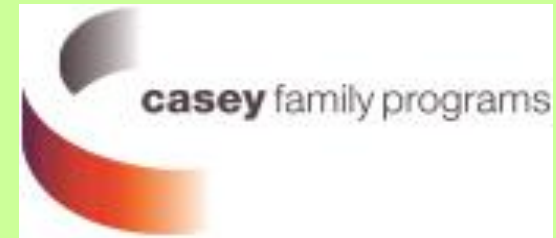


FOLLOW UP



DCYF Director
Joe Risbom

2021 Excellence for
Children Leadership
Award Winner!



PUBLIC COMMENT

