



## NH Early Childhood Strategy Team 1 – Meeting 5 Notes

*Strategic Theme 1: Quality, consistent, equitable access to opportunities and services for all NH families*

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 1:00-2:30pm

*GSG Facilitator:* Margaret Brackett

*GSG Notetaker:* Baili Wise

Participants:

- ❖ Annie Censullo
- ❖ Robin deAlmeida
- ❖ Katherine Leswing
- ❖ Aurelia Moran
- ❖ Christine Morrissey
- ❖ Shirley Tomlinson

Visitors:

- ❖ Lorraine Greer, Sunrise Children's Center
- ❖ MacKenzie Nicholson, MomsRising.org

### **Summary of team purpose:**

During today's meeting, the team will discuss the outcomes of yesterday's NH Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Subcommittee meeting. They will go over the completed theme template and ensure that all necessary elements have been incorporated.

### **I. Strategic Theme Template Discussion and Editing Initiatives**

The team discussed the meeting yesterday and the presentation of the initiatives from each team. There were a few questions for Objectives 2 and 4 about if the phrase "early learning options" should be added to any of the initiatives under those objectives.

After much discussion, the team decided to change initiatives 2b and 4b in the following ways:

- Initiative 2b: Expand options for and access to child care and early learning statewide, particularly in areas where options are limited.
- Initiative 4b: Increase family awareness of quality care and early learning options.

The team then reviewed the strategic initiatives template and determined where adjustments and additions might be helpful to the action planning teams.

**Objective 1: Increase early intervention and primary prevention**

- We highlight different resources that can provide data on who we are reaching, who we are missing, and what needs to be implemented.
- Initiative 1b: The more continuity there is with staff, the easier collaboration can be.

**Objective 2: Increase accessible childcare and early learning options**

- We decided to add something about early learning options and remove the term “centers” so that it is more inclusive of all early learning and child care.

**Objective 3: Increase family awareness, voice, influence, engagement, and knowledge**

- We added the phrase “including feedback loops” to initiative 3b and incorporated the content from a previously proposed initiative under Objective 1.

**Objective 4: Enhance quality of early childhood programs and services**

- We added some information about early learning options to the template.

**II. Next Steps:**

Margaret will send the updated template/info to the team to review based on today’s conversation. The team discussed the next phases of the process, action planning and implementation.

**III. Next Meeting:**

- September 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am: Council for Thriving Children meeting (in-person)
- Upcoming sessions for families and early childhood stakeholders to provide feedback on New Hampshire’s Early Childhood Strategic Plan:
  - September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30pm @ The Family Resource Center at Gorham: 123 Main St #1, Gorham, NH 03581
  - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30-11am @ New Futures in Concord: 100 N Main St #400, Concord, NH 03301
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-7:30pm on Zoom: [Click here to register](#)
  - Information for each session and a registration link for the virtual meetings can be found on the Council’s website: <https://councilforthrivingchildren.org/meetings>