



**NH Early Childhood Strategy Team 5– Meeting 5 Notes**  
*Strategic Theme 5: Office of Early Childhood*  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 3:00-4:00pm

*GSG Facilitator:* Margaret Brackett

*GSG Notetaker:* Olivia Gunthert

Participants:

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| ❖ Athena Cote            | ❖ Debra Nelson       |
| ❖ Christina D’Allesandro | ❖ Molly White        |
| ❖ Krisha Dubreuil        | ❖ Rebecca Woitkowski |

**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 proposed changes to the template/initiatives and discuss how to implement any needed changes.

**I. Strategic Theme Template Discussion:**

The team discussed changing the wording of initiative 2A and the information found in the description, rationale, and important findings for implementation sections for both objectives to reflect the order that the content was presented during the subcommittee meeting.

**Objective 1: Ensure a cohesive and collaborative approach to a mixed delivery, early childhood system**

The team discussion included some of the following questions and changes to the strategic initiative template:

- Will there be a preamble to define “early childhood or should we specify here what we mean by “early childhood”?”
- Should early childhood be changed to “early care and education”?
- How best to define authority: will include independence, ability to work with legislature, authority will be established in legislation, responsibilities, meet with governor, etc.
- Issue with the word “administrator”; perhaps instead we should say something like OEC lead → broad enough but know this is the point person (title to be determined)
  - Have to say something about how we need this person to have authority
  - Or Office of Early Childhood Administration

**Objective 2: Expand public understanding of the importance of quality early childhood experiences for all children**

- *Add the word “messaging” to initiative 2A*

**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>