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COUNCIL FOR
THRIVING
CHILDREN

Early Childhood Strategic Plan Framework 2023-2025

Priority Outcomes

- Increase families' partnership in, knowledge of, and choices for their child's development
- Increase families' access to integrated quality early childhood opportunities and services
- Increase comprehensive wellness of young children
- Ensure children achieve early childhood developmental and educational goals
- Increase providers' and educators' knowledge and access to resources for quality programs and services

Strategic Theme 1 Quality, consistent,

equitable access to

opportunities and

services for all NH

families

Themes

1. Increase early intervention and primary prevention

Objectives

- 2. Increase accessible childcare and early learning options
- 3. Increase family awareness, voice, influence, engagement and knowledge
- 4. Enhance quality of early childhood programs and services
- Strategic Theme 2
 Early childhood
 workforce capacity
 and quality
- Increase workforce
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- Increase workforce knowledge regarding early childhood development
- Strategic Theme 3 Investment in early childhood programs and services
- 1. Leverage and sustain new and existing funding
- Increase business and community support for early childhood programs and services

- **Strategic Theme 4**Systems integration
- Increase state, regional, and local level collaboration and program integration
- 2. Enhance family navigation of integrated programs and services
- Increase community voice and influence in design of programs and services
- Strategic Theme 5
 Office of Early
 Childhood
- Ensure a cohesive and collaborative approach to a mixed-delivery, early childhood system
- Expand public understanding of the importance of quality early childhood experiences for all children

Initiatives

- 1a. Normalize utilization of early intervention and primary prevention services among all families
- 1b. Increase provider awareness of and collaboration with all available primary prevention and early intervention services
- 2a. Expand eligibility for childcare assistance costs, increase the amount of assistance for each family, and increase awareness and utilization of NH Child Care scholarship assistance
- 2b. Expand options for and access to childcare and early learning statewide, particularly in areas where options are limited
- 3a. Establish a Statewide Family Engagement Framework including feedback loops
- 3b. Expand universal home visiting to every baby in New Hampshire
- 3c. Expand NH parent/caregiver access to family support/Family Resource Centers (FRCs)
- 4a. Increase participation in NH QRIS
- 4b. Increase family awareness of quality care and early learning options
- 1a. Promote early childhood careers and career path
- 1b. Promote the availability of workforce incentives and tax credits and expand them beyond early childhood education to include family support and health
- 2a. Equip the early childhood workforce with knowledge of child development and evidence-based practices to meet the needs of children and families
- 1a. Create and implement a comprehensive early childhood system funding plan including federal, state, local, and private sources
- 1b. Develop and implement a comprehensive study of compensation, benefits, and incentives across the various roles within the early childhood field
- 2a. Create and implement a plan to increase businesses' financial investment in the early childhood system
- 2b. Create and implement a plan to increase community awareness of and engagement in building the capacity of the early childhood system
- 1a. Affirm and institutionalize the early childhood regions and networks, ensure ongoing support, and foster collaboration with families and local communities
- 1b. Formalize, strengthen and broaden local early childhood coalitions that integrate with regional and state structures
- 1c. Establish a shared, compatible early childhood data system to inform decision-making
- 2a. Establish and promote a comprehensive and inclusive system leveraging existing tools for families to navigate and access resources
- 2b. Increase individualized support for families in navigating the system
- 2c. Build cultural and linguistic competence of the early childhood system and professionals to better support
- 3a. Create approaches to specifically engage under-represented groups to influence decisions about programs and services that affect them
- 1a. Establish a collaborative process to define the role of the Office of Early Childhood, including authority, functions, structure, and resources
- 2a. Coordinate messaging across key early childhood champions to ensure a diverse set of voices that will expand public understanding of the importance of early childhood experiences for all children and families.
- 2b. Clarify and communicate roles and responsibilities of the early childhood system to include early childhood agencies, families, policy makers, and service providers