



NH Council for Thriving Children
12.9.2024

Agenda

Meeting Purpose/Goals:

- ✓ Hear updates from Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services
- ✓ Update from Child Development Bureau: Statewide Leadership Team, feedback on CCDF Plan from federal Office of Child Care
- ✓ Celebrate impact of NH's Preschool Development Grant
- ✓ Learn about the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's role in early childhood education
- ✓ Stay informed on legislative changes impacting early childhood

A	Topic	Leader(s)
9:00-9:30	Welcome & Council Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introductions ➤ Council business ➤ Update on NH's CCDF Plan, federal feedback and NH response 	Christine Brennan, NH ED, Deputy Commissioner Chris Santaniello, NH DHHS, Associate Commissioner Christina Lachance, Council Director
9:30-9:45	NH Paid Family Medical Leave	Rich Lavers, New Hampshire Employment Security, Deputy Commissioner
9:45-10:15	Children's Museum of NH	Jane Bard, Executive Director
10:15-10:45	Celebrate impact of NH's Preschool Development Grant	Kim Nesbitt, Associate Professor, University of New Hampshire
10:45-10:55	Legislative Updates	Representative DeSimone
10:55-11:00	Public input & closing	Christie Brennan, NH ED, Deputy Commissioner Chris Santaniello, NH DHHS, Associate Commissioner

New Hampshire Early Childhood Governance System



The Council for Thriving Children, co-led by NHED and NH DHHS, serves as New Hampshire's State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Care and Education under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Public Law 110-134.



Decision-Making and Operationalization Role
Data driven policy and program coordination, integration, and development, increasing performance and resource accountability



Interagency Coordination
Formal infrastructure to support Interagency Coordination



Communication Role
Ensure effective communication across the Governance structure with and through designated members from each quadrant



Advising and Strengthening Role
Sharing emerging trends for children, families, communities, workforce and business, while generating learning and capacity

Business & updates

Meeting recording

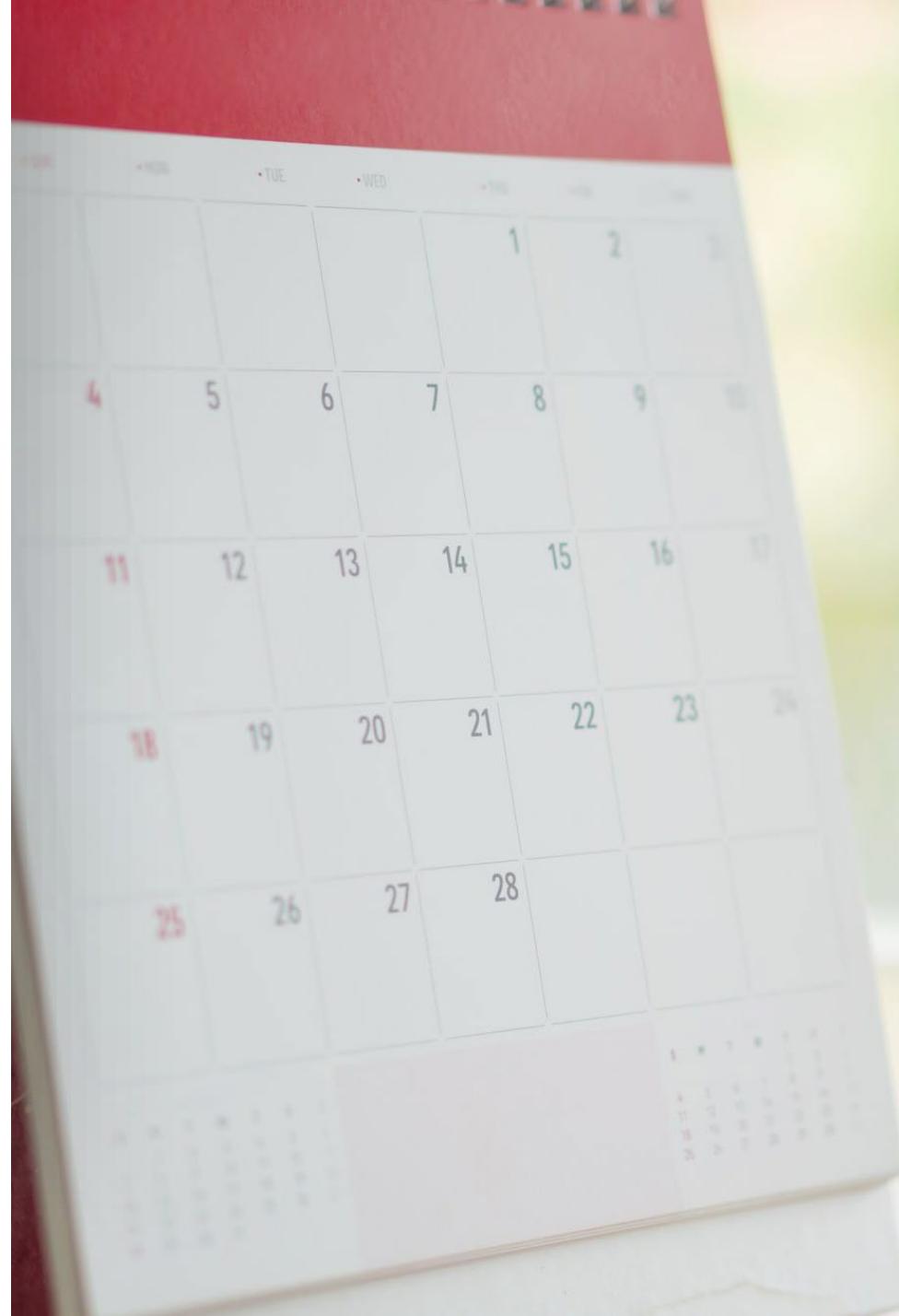
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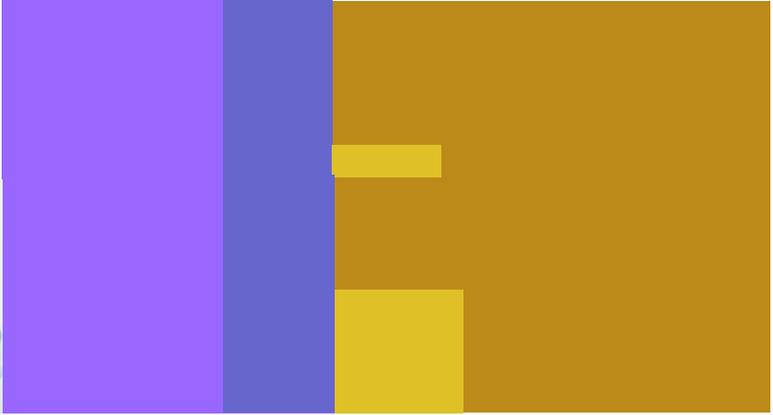
2025 meeting schedule

DHHS & NH ED updates

2025 Meeting Schedule

- Friday, March 7, 10-12
- Friday, June 13, 10-12
- Friday, September 5, 10-12
- Friday, December 5, 10-12





Maternal and Child Health Survey

Council for Thriving Children

December 9, 2024



Department of
**HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES**

Division of
Public Health



Title V Block Grant

- ❖ The Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant was enacted to improve the health of women, mothers, infants, children and adolescents, including those with special health care needs, and their families.
- ❖ In New Hampshire, Title V supports direct and enabling services, population-based programs, and infrastructure-building initiatives that address the most pressing health issues in the state
- ❖ These health issues include maternal mortality and morbidity, access to primary care, injury prevention, and newborn screening.



Needs Assessment Survey

- ❖ ***The needs assessment for 2025-2030 is currently underway.*** We are seeking input from a wide and diverse range of stakeholders. We invite you to share your perspective and help the Maternal and Children Health (MCH) program direct money and resources to what really matters to you!

- ❖ **The information from this survey will be used to:**
 - Determine what health needs, challenges, and supports for women, mothers, children, and families are most important in New Hampshire

 - Help the MCH Title V program direct money and resources to what really matters to you

 - Develop an MCH State Action Plan for the next five years



We need your input!

• **CLICK:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJS6KNL>

• **SCAN:**



Scan with
your phone!

You could win a
\$50 Walmart
Gift Card!!!

• **Participation is:**

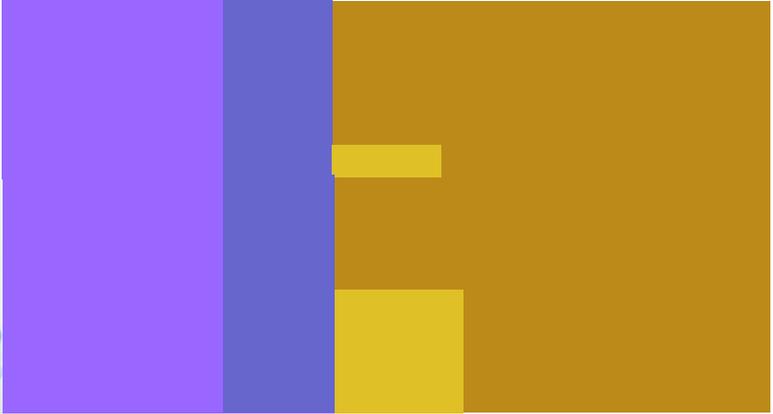
- Voluntary
- Anonymous

• **VISIT:** The NH Maternal & Child Health Website

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/mch>

*Survey is open through January 15,
2025*





Thank you.

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Maternal and Child Health Section

Please reach out to mch@dhhs.nh.gov for more information



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Presentations



Welcome to the New Hampshire Paid Family and Medical Leave Plan The First Voluntary PFML Plan in the Nation

ENROLL NOW!

Individual Open Enrollment is now available through January 29th for workers who don't have paid leave through their employer.

Premiums capped at \$5/week. No exclusions for pre-existing conditions. One-time, 7-month waiting period.

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Rich Lavers, Deputy Commissioner,
New Hampshire Employment Security

Legislative Updates



Public Comment

