

Update on the New Hampshire Early Care & Education Research Consortium

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What is the New Hampshire Early Care and Education Research Consortium?



The New Hampshire Early Care and Education (NH ECE) Research Consortium is a **network of researchers and research users** committed to strengthening the state's ECE landscape.

What does the Consortium do?



Supports the coordination of NH ECE research activity



Fosters research collaboration across institutions



Lends expertise to the creation and use of strong data systems

The Consortium is...

»» Housed at UNH's Carsey School of Public Policy

»» Funded by the Couch Family Foundation

<https://nhece.org>

Partnership Updates

Fall

- Interviewed about two dozen stakeholders about consortium engagement (including PDG team)

Spring

- Finalizing data use agreement with DHHS; providing data cleaning, linking, analysis, and visualization to maximize use of existing data.
- Rolling out process for official consortium affiliation
- Convening NH ECE researchers to plan collaboration processes and research agenda (May 21)

Ongoing Partnership Activities

- **Working closely with critical local partner, NHFPI**, including to provide local data insights to the “cost of care” contractor.
- Providing **data technical assistance** to community partners
- *Goal (summer 2025): establish downloadable regional data tables customized for recurring ECE questions*
- **Coordinate data collection efforts** between national groups working in NH, regional activities, and formal state systems
- *Goal (summer 2025): publish a running inventory of data collection efforts + downloadable resources; crowd-source contributions to keep updated*

Publications and Resources

Building on PDG needs assessment work, **five NH-specific two-page primers** on dimensions of early care & education have been published:

- [Demand](#)
- [Supply](#)
- [Workforce](#)
- [Scholarship Program](#)
- [Costs for families](#)

Two additional primers are forthcoming:

- Cost of operating for providers
- Promising approaches

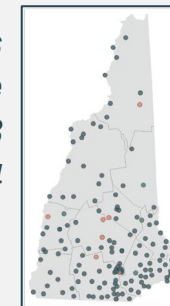
Developed & continuously refined “ecosystem maps” identifying NH ECE [research](#) and [community stakeholders](#)



★ Data Collection Underway

- Building on PDG work, Carsey School is **collecting data on preschool offerings** again (launched 3/5/25)
- Data being collected among NH public, private, and charter schools
- All **data will be made public** at the end of data collection and cleaning (collection anticipated summer 2025)
- Thanks to Kim Nesbitt for her ongoing support and Eileen Murphy for spearheading data collection again!

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