



New Hampshire's

Preschool Development Grant Birth to 5

# Quarterly Newsletter

This newsletter highlights progress from **Quarter 2 (April to June, 2022)** and summarizes upcoming activities for **Quarter 3 (July to September, 2022)**.



## ACTIVITY 1: Needs Assessment

### QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS

- Researchers at the Carsey School of Public Policy at UNH continued to **conduct a statewide needs assessment** to better understand NH's early childhood workforce capacity and training needs, as well as families' early childhood experiences. As part of this effort, Carsey launched three surveys: **a 2022 NH Family Survey, an Early Supports and Services Workforce Survey, and a Children's Behavioral Health Workforce Survey.**

### PDG CONNECTIONS

Parent Information Center/ New Hampshire Family Voices (PIC/NHFV) and Carsey staff collaborated on strategies for boosting response rates for the NH Family Survey. A grassroots outreach campaign utilizing existing partnerships between PIC/NHFV and family-serving organizations is being implemented across the state.

### UPCOMING IN QUARTER 3

- In Quarter 3, the Carsey team will analyze data from the two workforce surveys and implement the new outreach approach for the NH Family Survey.
- Carsey staff will collaborate with PIC/NHFV on potential family focus groups to collect additional feedback and perspectives from NH families.



## ACTIVITY 2: Strategic Planning

### QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS

- In Quarter 2, the Director of the Council for Thriving Children and the Council's Strategic Plan subcommittee continued their partnership with Greenway Strategy Group, the organization **contracted to provide Strategic Planning support** in Year 3. Greenway presented findings from their environmental scan and interviews at the Council's April meeting and shared the [framework](#) for the Year 3 Strategic Plan Update at the June meeting.
- Pear Associates finalized the [2021 Year in Review Report](#), highlighting accomplishments across each of the goals and objectives of NH's [Strategic Plan for Early Childhood](#).

### PDG CONNECTIONS

In Quarter 2, the Council for Thriving Children approved the Year 3 Strategic Plan Update framework at the June meeting. Greenway invited Council members, staff from DHHS and DOE, and other NH early childhood stakeholders to join one of five teams to advance the strategy areas outlined by the framework. The Council Director also collaborated with Greenway to ensure representation from appropriate organizations on each team.

### UPCOMING IN QUARTER 3

- Greenway Strategy Group will continue facilitating the strategy development phase and partnering with the Council Director to finalize the strategy teams. Teams will meet weekly to review stakeholder input, define strategic initiatives, and develop success indicators.



## ACTIVITY 3: Maximizing Family Choice and Engagement (State-level)

### QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS

- New Hampshire Children's Trust (NHCT) continued to support **Family Resource Centers (FRCs) participating in a pilot to effectively manage and streamline social media messaging**. By the end of the quarter, participating FRCs saw a 26% increase in the number of posts, 68% increase in the reach of the posts, 92% increase in impressions, and 110% increase in user engagement.
- NHCT continued to provide **support for strengthening the network and infrastructure of FRCs**. In Quarter 2, the "Strengthening Families: Bringing Protective Factors to Life in Your Work" training included 16 participants from eight FRCs.
- PIC/NHFV provided **family engagement technical assistance** to three Regional Leads to complete family engagement strategy maps. They also continued supporting the NH PDG State Family Leadership Group.

### PDG CONNECTIONS

NHCT and staff from DHHS collaborated to begin creating a public awareness campaign to promote the Child Care Development Fund Child Care Scholarship Program. In Quarter 2, NHCT reviewed program information and finalized a workplan for the campaign.

### UPCOMING IN QUARTER 3

- NHCT will continue providing communications support to the FRCs, as well as continue activities supporting public relations campaigns for under-utilized DHHS and DOE programs.
- NHCT will monitor FRC needs in Quarter 3, with a potential second training on the Protective Factors Framework. They will maintain consulting partnerships on behalf of the FRCs as well.
- PIC/NHFV will continue to conduct trainings with the State Family Leadership Group and finalize the content development process for a family engagement research-based training module.



## ACTIVITY 4: Sharing Best Practices

### QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Play Based Learning Coaches completed the 2021 **Play Based Learning coaching pilot** and launched the 2022 pilot. They met with the 19 participating Kindergarten educators and school district administrators to hold informational sessions and finalize coaching agreements. They also began initial educator contact meetings.
- WestEd finalized a Comprehensive Needs Assessment as part of their efforts to provide strategic planning for the **Early Childhood Institute for Excellence** at UNH.
- The **Pyramid Model Consortium (PMC)** supported efforts resulting in the merger of the iSocial and Pyramid Model State Leadership Teams. They also continued supporting the master cadre of trainers, the 10 previously established Pyramid Model implementation sites, and the five new programs in the 2022 cohort of implementation sites.
- NH PDG staff provided support to implement the state's new **Quality Rating Improvement System**, [Granite Steps to Quality](#). Southern New Hampshire Services (SNHS) maintained Anchors in the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) tools and supported Step 3/4 programs. They hired and trained five ERS assessors who began assessing programs at the end of Quarter 2.

### UPCOMING IN QUARTER 3

- The Play Based Learning coaches will initiate activities for the Fall 2022 coaching pilot.
- The PMC will complete an Exploration Series, a systematic approach for building readiness to implement the Pyramid Model, and continue supporting the master cadre and implementation sites.
- SNHS will hire and train additional assessors in Quarter 3. The assessors will conduct assessments in Step 3/4 programs across the state.



## ACTIVITY 5: Improving Quality/ Subgrants

### QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS

- Abt Associates initiated efforts to support DHHS and DOE in better understanding and ultimately **enhancing the state's mixed delivery system** of care.
- All seven of the **Early Childhood Regional Lead Grants continued to implement their programs as part of the project-specific funding grants.**

| Regional Early Childhood Lead                                | Project-Specific Funding Focus   |
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| Region 1: Monadnock United Way                               | Practice-Based Coaching Institute  |
| Region 2: Granite United Way                                 | Home visiting program; Play-Based Learning   |
| Region 3: United Way of Greater Nashua                       | Health/Behavioral Health; Strong Families; Positive Learning Experiences                           |
| Region 4: Amoskeag Health                                    | Pyramid Model implementation and expansion   |
| Region 5: Granite United Way                                 | Home visiting program; Pyramid Model implementation developmental screening; resource coordination |
| Region 6: Granite United Way/ United Way of Greater Seacoast | FRC/school-supported playgroups  |
| Region 7: Children Unlimited                                 | Pyramid Model expansion; early childhood care and education workforce                              |

### UPCOMING IN QUARTER 3

- In Quarter 3, the Early Childhood Regional Leads will continue their projects and will submit their third quarterly report update to NH PDG staff.
- Abt Associates will submit an analysis paper on the national and state landscapes of mixed delivery systems and considerations for NH.



## ACTIVITY 6: Governance/ Data Interoperability

### QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS

- NH PDG staff continued supporting the seven **Early Childhood Regional Leads**. They reviewed quarterly reports and assessments, facilitated capacity-building technical assistance, and coordinated bi-directional communication meetings between Regional Leads and DHHS/DOE staff.
- The Council Business Analyst supported establishing the **Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS)**. NH PDG staff facilitated the Data Integration Pilot, the first step towards obtaining a distinct count of children served by NH's early childhood care and education system.
- The **Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) and Transitions** Task Force finalized the recommendations summary report. NH PDG staff continued to support DOE's pilot of the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP), the recommended KEA.

### UPCOMING IN QUARTER 3

- NH PDG will continue managing the Early Childhood Regional Leads system.
- NH PDG staff will support the Data Integration Pilot, including establishing policies to align with the existing data platform.
- The Transitions Task Force Summary Report will be released publicly. NH PDG staff and Abt Associates will continue to support the DOE DRDP Pilot.

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