



# New Hampshire's 2020-2023 Preschool Development Grant

In 2020, New Hampshire (NH) received a renewal Preschool Development Grant (PDG) from the Administration for Children and Families valued at \$27 million to strengthen the state's early childhood care and education system to better address the needs of vulnerable young children and their families. NH PDG was a collaboration between the [University of New Hampshire \(UNH\)](#), NH's [Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#), [Department of Education \(NHED\)](#), and the [Council for Thriving Children](#). This brief presents an overview of the **leadership and organization of the grant**, as well as a high-level summary of the **key activity areas** between 2020 and 2023.

## NH PDG Leadership Team

Leadership from each agency collaborated and met on a regular basis to direct grant allocations and identify priority initiatives.



UNH also served as the grantee organization, managing:

- **Contracts with local, state, and national partner organizations** to support NH PDG initiatives
- **Subgrants to community and regional organizations** to increase regional and local early childhood system capacity and cross-sector coordination

## NH PDG Key Activity Areas



### Conducted comprehensive, statewide needs assessments

focusing on NH's early childhood workforce capacity and training needs and families' (in particular, families from vulnerable populations) experiences with and access to resources for supporting their young children's healthy development.



### Supported NH's Strategic Plan for Early Childhood by funding staff positions and

contractors to identify measures of success for the [2020-2022 Strategic Plan](#), as well as developing action plans for implementing the priority initiatives of the [2023-2025 Strategic Plan](#).



### Expanded statewide resources and services for families with young

**children** through developing open-source, universal [resources and supports for family engagement](#) and providing critical infrastructure support for NH's [Family Resource Centers](#).



### Shared best practices and supports for the early childhood workforce by

launching multiple [Play-Based Learning](#) coaching initiatives, providing staff support to the [Granite Steps for Quality](#) system, and expanding access to [Pyramid Model](#) coaching and supports.



### Implemented and expanded direct programs and services for young

**children and families** through funding initiatives to communities and regional partnerships. Examples of projects funded by NH PDG include Pyramid Model expansions, home visiting programs, and public awareness campaigns.



### Enhanced NH's early childhood governance and data systems through

funding staff positions and contractors to launch a new Regional Early Childhood System, contributing to data integration efforts, and facilitating the Council for Thriving Children.

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