

Granite Guide to Early Childhood

A new series of primers summarizing evidence across key areas of New Hampshire's (NH) early childhood care and education (ECE) sector



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What Do NH Families Want for Child Care?



Families sometimes make less-than-ideal tradeoffs for ECE that fit schedules and budgets, but they widely agree on the importance of reliability.

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Fewer Providers, Longer Distances: NH's Child Care Landscape



Both the volume and variety of ECE options available in NH are insufficient, as offerings continue to consolidate and shrink over time.

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NH's Well Educated, Underpaid Child Care Workforce



Compensation for early educators is low, especially relative to their education, making it hard to recruit or retain workers that could expand supply.

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High Child Care Costs Strain NH Family Budgets



The price of care is high and rising, straining family budgets and pushing care out of reach for the lowest-income families.

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Attempting to Offset Costs Through NH Child Care Scholarships



While changes to NH's Child Care Scholarship Program mean more help for more families, reaching all who could benefit is a challenge.

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Operating on Thin Margins: The Cost of Providing Child Care



Although wages are low, the volume of ECE staff necessary to align with state standards and minimal safety practices means operating costs add up quickly.

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Creating an Equitable Child Care System in NH



With no federal policy relief on the horizon, states must find their own solutions, and lessons learned in NH and other states may guide the way.

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Some take-aways