



## NH Early Childhood Advisory Council Guiding Principles

The NH Early Childhood Advisory Council is guided by the following eight principles pertaining to families and children, early childhood systems, and the Council itself.

### *Families and Children:*

1. Families should be supported by communities and be partners with stakeholders and service providers in designing, coordinating, and evaluating supports, services, and programs.
2. Preventive approaches early in life provide a rich return on investment and are economically advantageous compared to costly remediation later in life.
3. Successful transitions for young children and their families sustain the foundation of healthy early childhood development.

### *Early Childhood Systems:*

4. Early childhood systems utilize evidence-based and promising practices to deliver high quality services and programs to young children and their families that are developmentally and culturally appropriate, and universally accessible.
5. Early childhood systems maximize efficiency and collaboration at both the state and local level, and are aligned with the strengths and individual needs of children and families.
6. Early childhood systems set high standards, self-evaluate and continuously improve.

### *The Council:*

7. The Council will build on recent and ongoing early childhood planning efforts, research, and initiatives as well as lessons learned from national resources and input from stakeholders.
8. Communication, coordination, collaboration, and partnership across all sectors of the community, both public and private, ensure the effectiveness and impact of services.