

Children: The Bedrock of the Granite State



Dr. Kevin Petit, Elliot Health System, Manchester, NH

Kevin Petit, M.D., is Executive Medical Director of Pediatrics, New Hampshire's Hospital for Children/Elliot Health System. Dr. Petit obtained his undergraduate and medical degrees from Brown University and completed his Residency in Pediatrics at Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester. After serving as a general pediatrician with the National Health Service Corps in rural Ohio, he completed a fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center, where he was an attending neonatologist and Chief of the Division of Newborn Medicine. During his tenure at the Floating Hospital, Dr. Petit also served as Vice Chair of Clinical Services and Interim Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Tufts Medical School. He joined the staff at the Elliot in 2010 and has been responsible for the expansion of pediatric services that led to the establishment of New Hampshire's Hospital for Children.



Marti Ilg, Lakes Region Child Care Services, Laconia, NH

Marti Ilg is the Executive Director of Lakes Region Child Care Services and an associate professor at Lakes Region Community College. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire and is enrolled in the School of Business at Southern NH University, pursuing an MS in Organizational Leadership. Ms. Ilg is credentialed by the State of New Hampshire as an Early Childhood Master Professional, Early Childhood Administrator Level 3. She serves on the steering committees of BETTER TOGETHER, the Lakes Region Financial Stability Partnership, Lakes Region Child and Family Coalition, and is a member of the Lakes Region United Way Speakers Bureau. She serves as the Co-chair of the Communications and Public Awareness Committee of Spark NH and previously worked for the CAP / Belknap-Merrimack County Head Start.



Jackie Cowell, Early Learning NH, Concord, NH

Jackie Cowell is the Executive Director of Early Learning NH, a nonprofit organization with a mission to ensure all New Hampshire children have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Upon graduation from the University of Virginia, Ms. Cowell taught high school mathematics in the Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa. She then worked for 5 years for Save the Children in Sudan. Moving to New Hampshire, she directed two early childhood education programs over 13 years: White Birch Community Center in Henniker and the Community Child Care Center in Portsmouth. In 2009, she received the Exemplary Leadership and Community Partnership Award from the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families. Ms. Cowell currently serves on the executive committee of Spark NH, our state's governor-appointed early childhood advisory council.

Featured Short Videos

Early Learning Matters

[2 minutes] A public service announcement by the First Five Years Fund, part of the Invest in US campaign.
<http://www.ffyf.org/content/videos-images>



Three Core Concepts in Early Childhood Development

[2 minutes each] A three-part series of short videos from the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University depicting how advances in neuroscience, molecular biology, and genomics now give us a much better understanding of how early experiences are built into our bodies and brains, for better or for worse.

http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/multimedia/videos/three_core_concepts/