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The Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center has taken the initiative to connect family supports and recovery supports in a training geared towards home visitors. Two of our trainers spoke at the Head Start conference held in Massachusetts for home visitors, program managers and directors, sharing the stages of change and the stages of recovery and how supporting parenting women with substance abuse disorder involves special skills that are easily incorporated into family supports. This has grown out of our own early supports and parenting education programs being affected by the opioid crisis in our area. One upcoming training, scheduled for Saturday July 8th, 9-5 for a cost of \$30 Recovery Basics for Parents, is a great introduction to understanding the major concepts of supporting young parents with substance use disorder.

We are also excited to be implementing our home visit program to welcome children and babies into our community through collaboration with community partners, funded partially by the VROOM implementation grant. Families bringing children ages 0-3 for immunizations, checkups, maternal health visits, prenatal appointments are offered the home visit by a qualified home visitor from our center and a volunteer community partner, in which they receive a smart phone if needed, to access the VROOM application as well as information on early childhood resources in our community. Our recovery coaches and family support specialists are receiving specific training through Child Care Aware, so that we never miss an opportunity to connect families to this resource.

We are also continuing work with community partners through a school district initiative. We are excited to see the connections being made among all stake holders in our area!