



LAUNCH Manchester is growing!

Amoskeag Health (LAUNCH's lead agency), in partnership with The Upper Room (family resource center in Derry), serves as the lead entity for NH Early Childhood Region 4. They have received funding through the Preschool Development Grant to sustain and expand the Pyramid Model work throughout the region! Support for LAUNCH's Early Learning Collaborative (ELC) for Greater Manchester continues.

Since September 2020, with assistance from the Pyramid Model Consortium and the Preschool Technical Assistance Network, they have built their Community-Wide Pyramid Model Leadership Team and four ELC centers have established program leadership teams and received coaching to improve key teaching practices. Five preschool classrooms at two elementary schools in the Manchester School District began building their leadership teams and engaging in coaching in fall 2021. This new funding will also support the establishment of an ELC for Greater Derry that will engage in community readiness activities to establish its Community-Wide Leadership Team and build infrastructure to support coaching in programs in that part of Region 4.

Additionally, LAUNCH is providing opportunities for all ELC centers to access Positive Solutions for Families (the Pyramid Model curriculum for parents and caregivers) through Waypoint and access mental health consultation for their children, families, and staff. **If you are part of an early learning program (child care, preschool, Head Start, or school district) interested in being part of the Pyramid Model effort or joining an Early Learning Collaborative, please contact Lara Quiroga (lquiroga@amoskeaghealth.org) for Greater Manchester or Susan Norton (snorton@urteachers.org) for Greater Derry.**