

SPARK NH FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION	GREATER NASHUA EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE FOCUS
<p><i>A Coordinated Early Childhood System</i></p> <p><i>Goal: New Hampshire’s young children and their families have the benefit of well-coordinated early childhood programs and services that work effectively together on their behalf.</i></p>	<p>Build and sustain a Greater Nashua Family Collaborative focused on identifying universal touch points, universal (destigmatized) parent supports, and ECE provider support in a multi-sector network.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve transitions and increase cross-system collaborations-(Family Centered Goals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand access to transition supports (ex. Interpreters to help remove language barriers; summer boot camp attendance before K; student “passport” information in multiple formats (ex. Electronic and paper)) • Refine goals and implementation plan to increase collaboration FOR families • Create shared messaging and EC goals across agencies • Inventory and fortify family friendly spaces in Greater Nashua 2. Support early childhood educators (Provider Centered Goals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build universal community understanding and value for early childhood success across stakeholder groups including increased respect for early childhood professionals • Engage employers and advocate for increased wages and family friendly ECE and workplaces • Increase professional development opportunities (training, continuing education credits, peer mentors, etc.)
<p><i>Strong Families</i></p> <p><i>Goal: Families have the skills, basic resources, and supports to promote their children’s development and learning starting before birth and continuing through the primary grades</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Build family support systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop coordinated family supports and eliminate perceived stigma around accessing family supports • Increase awareness of EC services and parenting resources; tap under-utilized services such as home visiting and parent support groups • Support family stability (ex. Jobs and livable wages, housing and energy assistance) 4. Communicate with families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About early child development • Connect families (at birth and prenatally) with ECE and public schools • Link families to parenting resources, supports and services including “universal touch points” • Foster inclusive parenting community across diverse demographic groups (socio-economic, race and ethnicity, cultural, high risk and low risk, etc.) by connecting them with essential community places such as libraries, YMCA, and Boys and Girls Clubs • Market key messages and touch points (including Vroom) across Greater Nashua

