BLOCK ONE 10:15AM - 11:30PM

Session 1A: Father-Responsive Practice in New Hampshire: Building Programs That Engage, Support, and Retain Fathers

This session will explore why fatherhood programming matters for child and family well-being, how father-friendly practice connects to strengthening families and child abuse prevention, and what organizations can do to better engage fathers in their existing services. Participants will review the current need for fatherhood supports in New Hampshire, discuss common barriers to father participation, and identify practical strategies for recruitment, retention, case management, and partner collaboration. The session will also draw on lessons from the Empowering Fathers Across New Hampshire initiative as an emerging statewide model for father engagement, family stability, and continuous improvement.

Presenter: Richard Feistman, Ph.D., Executive Director - Granite Hearth

Session 1B: Building Bridges: Leveraging Community Partnerships to Support Students and Families Through McKinney-Vento

This session will highlight how Concord School District has built a collaborative network of support for students and families experiencing homelessness through McKinney-Vento, family engagement, and community partnerships. Participants will learn practical strategies for working with social workers, Home-to-School Liaisons, food and diaper pantries, and local organizations to remove barriers, strengthen family connections, and improve access to educational opportunities and essential resources.

Presenters: Erin Cayer, M.S.Ed, Coordinator of Early Supports, Family Engagement and District Homeless Director – Concord School District; Taylor Hurteau, MEd, School Social Worker at Concord High School, Concord School District; Stacey Lazzar, MA, Home-School Liaison at Christa McAuliffe School, Concord School District; Haily Lincoln, MSW, School Social Worker at Rundlett Middle School, Concord School District

Session 1C: KNOW & TELL®: INFORM - Understanding the Reporting Process

Know & Tell is a nationally expanding educational initiative of the Granite State Children's Alliance that empowers adults to take an active role in protecting children. By providing practical training to help recognize the signs of child abuse and understand how to report them, KNOW & TELL strengthens the safety net around our most vulnerable population.

Presenters: Presented by Stephanie Arroyo, M.S., KNOW & TELL Education & Advancement Director - Granite State Children's Alliance; and Kelsey Moore, Program Specialist - NH DCYF

BLOCK TWO 2:15PM - 3:30PM

Session 2A: Period of PURPLE Crying: Turning Infant Crying Education into Prevention

The Period of PURPLE Crying is an evidence-informed abusive head trauma prevention program that helps parents and caregivers understand normal early infant crying, recognize why crying can become so frustrating, and learn safe responses before stress reaches a breaking point. This session will introduce the research foundation behind the program, including the connection between early increased crying and shaking events; review the core PURPLE messages families need to hear, including soothing, coping, safe breaks, and sharing information with all caregivers; and explore how New Hampshire providers and community partners can support consistent, fidelity-based implementation through education, materials, reinforcement, and public awareness. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how PURPLE fits within child abuse prevention, protective factors, caregiver engagement, and practical family support across New Hampshire.

Presenter: Ryan B. Mahoney, M.Ed., Training Specialist – NH Children's Trust

Session 2B: HOPE in Action

This workshop will share how the HOPE (Health Outcomes from Positive Experiences) Framework moves beyond the research and will share concrete, actionable ways to support and promote child and family well-being. Participants will have opportunities to reflect about how the Building Blocks of the HOPE Framework show up in their families, work, and communities and where they can highlight HOPE in Action.

Presenters: Sarah Fox, JD M.Ed., Executive Director – NH Alliance of Early Childhood Coalitions; Patrice Baker, M.Ed., Interventionist – HOPE Facilitator and Author – Hampton School District

Session 2C: Understanding the Role of the Child Advocacy Center

This session will help the audience understand the role and responsibilities of the Child Advocacy Center in cases of child abuse and neglect.

Presenters: Presented by Amy-Lynn Sullivan, M.S., Manager/Forensic Interviewer - Granite State Children's Alliance; Nicole Ledoux, M.J.C., Chief Program Officer - Granite State Children's Alliance