

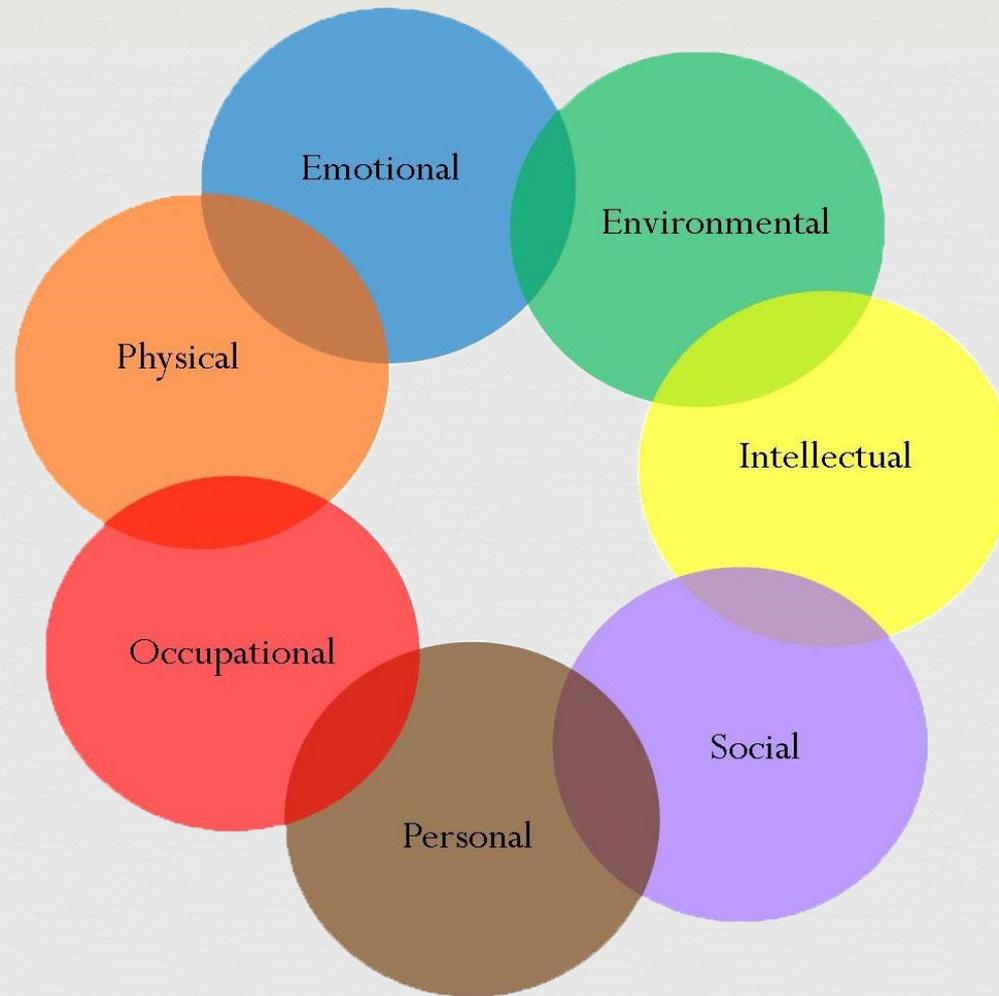
KNOW THY NEIGHBOR



Creating a State-Wide Approach to Family and Youth
Engagement in the “Live Free or Die” State



This is a story of
commitment, failure, and resilience.



OFFICE OF STUDENT WELLNESS

NH Department of Education

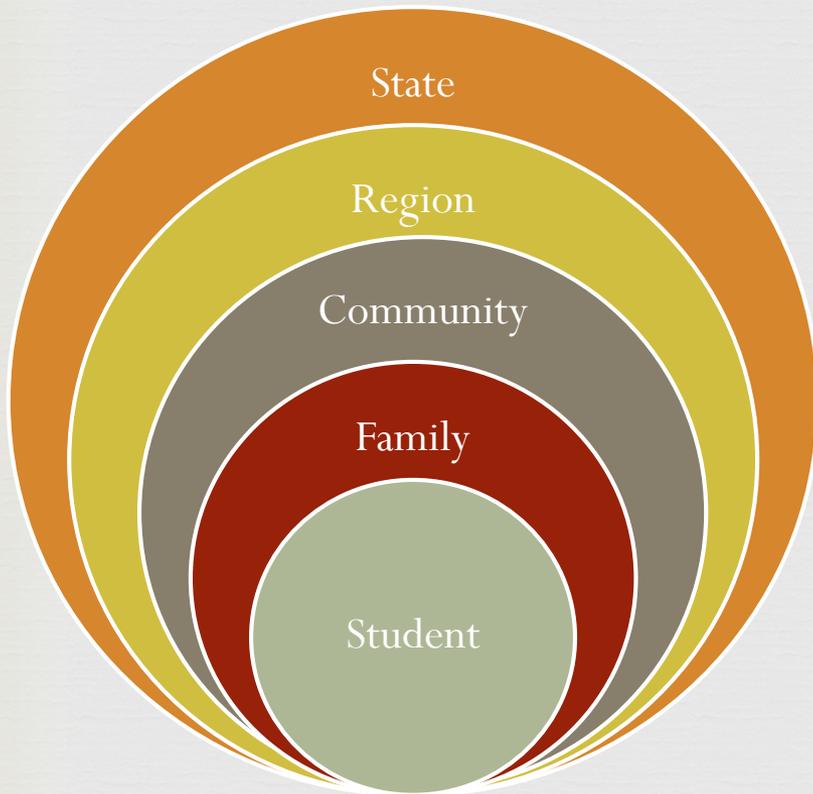
We envision a system that creates optimal social, emotional, and educational outcomes for all children.



New Hampshire

- ❖ Historic
- ❖ Thrifty
- ❖ Yankee Ingenuity
- ❖ Independent

Our Story Begins...



☞ Increase connectedness among families, schools and communities through knowledge building and family engagement.

The Characters



The Plan



How do we engage?

- Identify community partners offering trainings on child development and utilizing strategies to engage families
- Identify modifications to trainings and family engagement strategies to increase participation among underserved groups

What can we do better?

- Identify additional trainings needed to address family, school and community needs
- Identify ways to leverage and braid funding for additional trainings
- Create MOU regarding funding and create any needed trainings



Complete confusion.

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The Survey



- ❧ 62 Respondents
 - ❧ 24% did not consider FE a priority
 - ❧ Primarily served elementary school
 - ❧ 84% were not family run organizations



- ❧ Did we ask the right questions?
- ❧ Are the responses representative?
- ❧ How do we know these efforts are effective?
- ❧ What is Family Engagement anyway?



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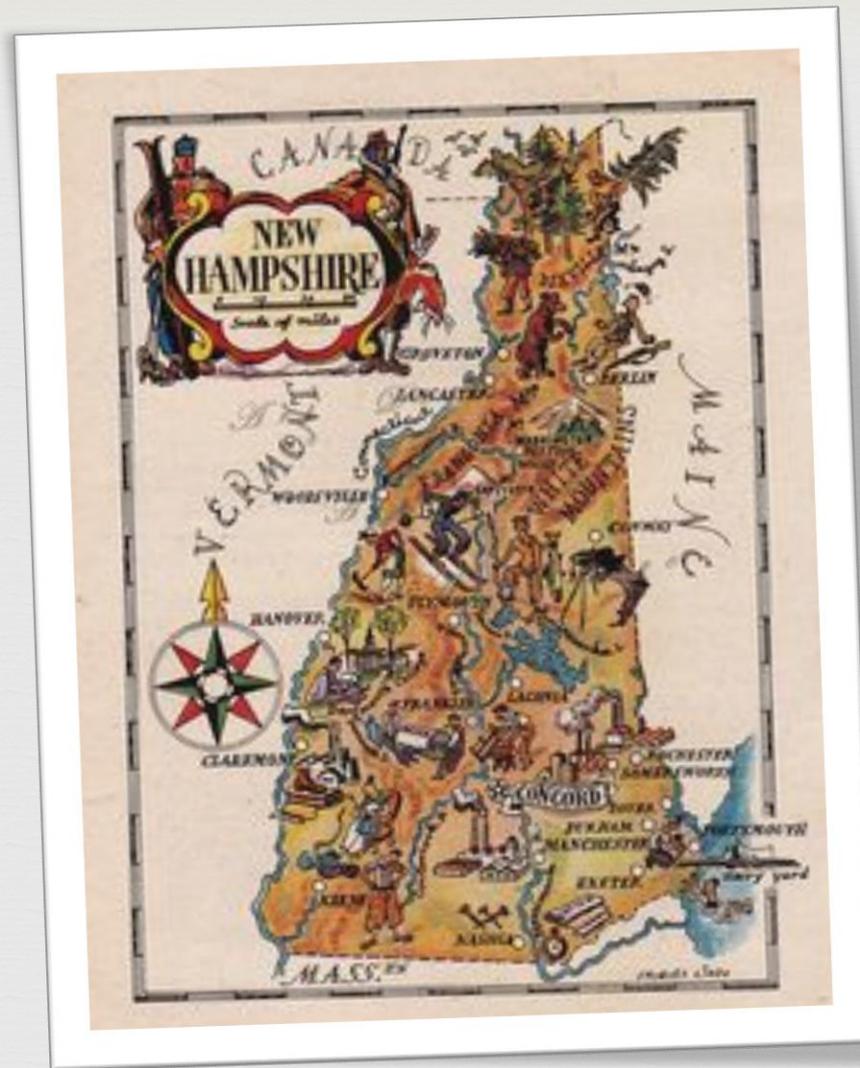
Our Hero Emerges



Cliff Davis

Human Service Collaborative

- ❧ Study of Best Practices in Parent Engagement and Leadership Development
- ❧ Study of Best Practices in Youth Engagement and Leadership Development
- ❧ Comprehensive NH Scan
- ❧ Gaps Analysis



Creating a Practice Profile.

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Two roads diverged in a yellow wood



Youth Engagement Practice Profile



- ☞ Immediate enthusiastic buy-in
- ☞ State-wide participation
- ☞ Mission first
- ☞ Creative approaches
- ☞ Collaborative

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Youth Engagement Practice Profile



Learn

- Getting to know each other.

Collaborate

- Created MOUs.

Plan

- The critical components.

Host

- Summer youth event.

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Family Engagement Practice Profile



- ❧ Hesitant to collaborate
- ❧ Limited time
- ❧ Looking through the lens of the past
- ❧ WIIFM
- ❧ Who is funding this?



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Family Engagement Practice Profile



Plan.

- What is family engagement?
- Are there critical components?



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The Plot Thickens.





Foreshadowing

- Department of Education
 - ESSA
- Local Districts and Schools
 - Scholastic
- Other State Agencies
 - DCYF
- Family Organizations
 - Practice Profile
- Youth Organizations
 - Practice Profiles
 - Collaboration



The morale of the story.

Assume positive intent. Work in rough draft. Be open to possibilities.