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2026-2027 Trainings At-a-Glance

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Hello and Welcome!

Welcome to the 2026–2027 Child Care Aware of NH Trainings At-a-Glance Calendar!

Your go-to guide for exploring upcoming training and professional development opportunities through Child Care Aware of NH! This quarterly calendar makes it easy to find and register for trainings designed to support your continued growth as an early childhood professional. Simply click on any event to access registration and additional details through NHCIS or Eventbrite. Events such as our Keys to Quality Conference and Annual Celebration of NH Early Childhood Professionals can be found on the Child Care Aware of NH Eventbrite page.

We're Here to Partner With You!

Running a child care program is rewarding work, and we know it comes with unique challenges. Child Care Aware of NH is here to partner with you and support your program's individual needs, goals, and success. Beyond our professional development and training opportunities, we offer Mini Conferences at your program, technical assistance, coaching, consultation, and support through state initiatives. Our Training and Technical Assistance Specialists work alongside programs to identify needs, share resources, and provide practical, personalized guidance to help strengthen quality and reach program goals. Support is available by phone, email, virtually, or through on-site visits, with specialists assigned to regions throughout New Hampshire to ensure you have a dedicated point of contact.

Explore our **Services and Supports & Services Guide** to discover all the ways we can support your program, or visit **Child Care Aware of NH** to learn more.
Questions or need help getting connected? Reach us at **(603) 578-1386, ext. 2526 or 2532**.

We're excited to partner with you and support your program's success throughout the year!

Registering in NHCIS

For a smooth experience, we recommend using Google Chrome or Firefox when logging in to your NHCIS account.

1.Login to your NHCIS account
2.Click on the **Professional Development** tile
3.On the menu on the left, click **"Find Trainings"**
4.You can view trainings in three (3) formats: by list, week, or month
5. On the right, next to the training listed, click on **"View Details"**
6. On the bottom right, click the button that says **"Register"**
7. If the training is offered multiple times, please click on **"Sessions"** to register for your intended date

If you are unable to attend a training for which you registered, please follow the above directions and click the button that says **"Withdraw."**

If you need assistance logging into your NHCIS account, please give us a call at 855-393-1731 ext. 2532.

Types of Professional Development Opportunities

Virtual Learning Communities

Formerly known as Collaboratives, our Early Childhood Virtual Learning Communities (VLC) are designed for Directors, Administrators, Teachers, and other Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Professionals and are offered on a monthly or quarterly basis, September through June. These meetings are carefully crafted to cater to your specific needs and interests. Our main goal is to provide you with valuable information on the topics that matter most to you.

During these virtual learning communities, you'll have the opportunity to engage with like-minded professionals, sharing insights and best practices to enhance your skills and expertise. Our commitment goes beyond just enhancing your professional growth; we strive to foster a strong sense of community by providing you with essential local and state information through valuable partnerships with community organizations.

Infant and Toddler

Nurture infants' and toddlers' development through shared knowledge, expertise, and resources.

Family Engagement & Communication

Foster strong family and community ties in early childhood settings.

Preschool

Enhance preschoolers' care and learning through shared knowledge, expertise, and resources.

Out-of-School Time

Strengthen out-of-school time programming through shared knowledge, and meaningful collaboration.

Directors Speak

Strengthen administrative practices, elevating program efficiency and quality.

Family Child Care

Supporting family child care educators, enriching home-based early childhood environments.

Social Emotional Topics

Explore various facets of social-emotional development in early childhood settings.

Revive & Thrive

Empower providers to prioritize well-being through self-care strategies and reflection.

Registration is online through the **NHCIS Training Tile.** Subscribe to our **newsletter** to receive Monthly VLCs Topics.

Specials

Child Care Aware of New Hampshire offers virtual multi-part training series for in-depth professional development on key topics. We also host in-person Special Events—including our Annual Keys to Quality Conference and summits focused on leadership, infant toddler care, and family child care—that provide focused learning and networking opportunities. Whether virtual or in-person, our trainings support your growth and success in early childhood education.

Registration for the Annual Keys to Quality Conference is online through **Eventbrite.**

*The **NH Cares Scholarship** is awarded to New Hampshire child care providers who are currently working 30 hours per week or more in a licensed program. This scholarship will cover the total fee to attend designated Child Care Aware of New Hampshire hosted conferences, specials, and training sessions, giving child care providers the benefit to attend and earn professional development hours at no-cost.*

Upcoming
Professional Development Specials

Beyond Limits: Helping Children Thrive | 5-Part Series

Tuesday afternoons, begins September 1st 2026

This training series focuses on supporting children with varying learning, developmental, and health needs. Participants will explore Universal Design for Learning (UDL), available resources and supports for educators, and strategies for building strong partnerships with families.

Registration is required through the **NHCIS Training Tile**.

Enhancing Communication and Learning Through Sign Language

4th Thursday of the month
6:30-8:00 PM

This series builds on last year's American Sign Language (ASL) trainings with new signs and information. It focuses on using ASL to support communication, early literacy, and engagement for infants through preschoolers. Learn over 100 signs to incorporate into everyday routines, songs, books, and activities while supporting all learners.

Registration is required through the **NHCIS Training Tile**.

Leadership Summit: Leading with Joy

Making Space for Play, Connection, and Possibility

Thursday
November 5th
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Featuring our own Stephanie Therrien and Dee Dee Thurber, plus special guest Rae Pica!

Registration is required throgh the **NHCIS Training Tile**.

Infant Toddler Institute: The Business of Being Little

Saturday October 17th | Portsmouth, NH
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

When "no" becomes part of the daily agenda, what are infants and toddlers really communicating? Explore the developmental reasons behind those big feelings and growing independence, then discover practical ways to respond with confidence, connection, and respect.

Registration is required through the **NHCIS Training Tile**.

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 **Beyond Limits:** Helping Children Thrive 4:00-5:30 PM **Infant & Toddler:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 **Business Practices Training** 6:00-7:30 PM	10 **Family Child Care:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	11	12
13	14	15	16 **Preschool:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	17 **Out-of-School Time:** Virtual Learning Community 10:00-11:30 AM	18	19 **CPR & First Aid Training** 8:30 AM-12:30 PM ***Bow, NH***
20	21 **Directors Speak:** Virtual Learning Community 9:30-10:30 AM **Social Emotional Topics:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	22	23 **Revive & Thrive** 6:00-7:30 PM	24 **Enhancing Communication and Learning Through Sign Language** 6:30-8:00 PM	25	26 **Keys to Quality Conference** 8:30 AM-3:00 PM
27	28	29	30			

September 2026

Day & Date:	Time:	Title:	Topic:	Trainer:
Tuesday September 1	4:00-5:30 PM	Beyond Limits: Helping Children Thrive	Universal Design for Learning: A Framework for Early Learning Success	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Tuesday September 1	6:00-7:30 PM	Infant & Toddler VLC	Exploring the Critical Competencies Training Series	Lindsey Parisi, M.Ed. ECPDST
Wednesday September 9	6:00-7:30 PM	Business Practices Training	Beyond the Checkbox: Designing Family Surveys That Matter	Jennifer Hunter, ECPDSFTMCC
Thursday September 10	6:00-7:30 PM	Family Child Care VLC	Welcome, Network & Overview of FCC VLC Topics	Connie Davis, ECMPWT
Wednesday September 16	6:00-7:30 PM	Preschool VLC	Creating Learning Environments Where Every Child Belongs	Amy Upton, ECMPWT
Thursday September 17	10:00-11:30 AM	Out-Of-School Time VLC	NH Afterschool Network	Sunni Tainter, OSTADSMPT
Saturday September 19	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	CPR & First Aid Bow, NH		Chris Smith, AEMT
Monday September 21	9:30-10:30 AM	Directors Speak VLC	2026 Market Rate Survey: What NH Child Care Providers Need to Know	Dee Dee Thurber, M.Ed., ECPDST & Donna Lake, ECPDST
Monday September 21	6:00-7:30 PM	Social Emotional Topics VLC	Nurturing Infant Mental Health: Relationships, Co-Regulation, and the Developing Brain	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Wednesday September 23	6:00-7:30 PM	Revive & Thrive	Living Your Values: Creating a Life That Reflects What Matters Most	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Thursday September 24	6:30-8:00 PM	Enhancing Communication and Learning Through SIgn Language	Signing with Purpose: Selecting Signs that Matter	V. Kamál Lange, MA, CCC-SLP
Saturday September 26	8:30 AM-3:45 PM	**Keys to Quality Conference**		***View the full agenda and register through NHCIS.***

October 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 **CPR & First Aid Training** 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM ***Concord, NH***
4	5	6 **Beyond Limits:** Helping Children Thrive 4:00-5:30 PM	7 **Family Engagement & Communication:** Virtual Learning Community 1:00-2:30 PM	8 **Family Child Care:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	9	10
11	12 	13 **Infant & Toddler:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM **Early Childhood Essentials** 6:00-7:30 PM	14	15 **Out-of-School Time:** Virtual Learning Community 10:00-11:30 AM	16	17 **Infant Toddler Institute** 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM *Portsmouth, NH*
18	19 **Social Emotional Topics:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	20 **Beyond Limits:** Helping Children Thrive 4:00-5:30 PM	21 **Business Practices Training** 6:00-7:30 PM **Preschool:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27 **Infant & Toddler:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	28 **Revive & Thrive** 6:00-7:30 PM	29 **Enhancing Communication and Learning Through Sign Language** 6:30-8:00 PM	30	31

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Saturday October 3	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	CPR/First Aid, Concord, NH		Chris Smith, AEMT
Thursday October 6	4:00-5:30 PM	Beyond Limits: Helping Children Thrive	Supporting Children with Special Needs: Foundations and Resources (Part 1)	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Wednesday October 7	1:00-2:30 PM	Family Engagement & Communication VLC	Resources for Families: NH Family Voices & PIC NH	
Thursday October 8	6:00-7:30 PM	Family Child Care Virtual Learning Community	NH Wraparound Services	Melissa Davis, NFI North, Sandy Alonzo, NAMI NH, and Carli McCarthy, Connected Families New Hampshire
Tuesday October 13	6:00-7:30 PM	Infant & Toddler VLC	Zero to Three Critical Competencies Area 1: Building Warm Positive, and Nurturing Relationships (focus on the child)	Lindsey Parisi, M.Ed. ECPDST
Tuesday October 13	6:00-7:30 PM	Early Childhood Essentials	Engaging Learning Environments	Amanda Enos, ECPDST
Thursday October 15	10:00-11:30 AM	Out-Of-School Time VLC	Trauma Informed Care	Annie Dintino-Cucchi, M.Ed, Consultant, Center for Trauma Responsive Practice Change
Satuirday October 17	9:00 AM-12:30 PM	Infant Toddler Institute	The Business of Being Little	Bekah Kistler, ECPDST, Postpartum Doula
Monday October 19	6:00-7:30 PM	Social and Emotional Topics VLC	Building Connections with Multilingual Families	Jordan Alaniz
Tuesday October 20	4:00-5:30 PM	Beyond Limits: Helping Children Thrive	Supporting Children with Special Needs: Practical Strategies (Part 2)	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Wednesday October 21	6:00-7:30 PM	Business Practices Training	Creating a Professional Development Plan Using Competencies	Jenn Ganim-Smith
Wednesday October 21	6:00-7:30 PM	Preschool VLC	Understanding Child Care Licensing: From Regulations to Daily Practice	Child Care Licensing Coordinator
Tuesday October 27	6:00-7:30 PM	Infant & Toddler VLC	Zero to Three Critical Competencies Area 1: Building Warm Positive, and Nurturing Relationships (focus on the educator)	Lindsey Parisi, M.Ed. ECPDST
Wednesday October 28	6:00-7:30 PM	Revive & Thirve	Emotional Agility: Working with Your Emotions Instead of Against Them	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Thursday October 29	6:30-8:00 PM	Enhancing Communication and Learning Through SIgn Language	Everyday Signing: Routines That Build Communication	V. Kamál Lange, MA, CCC-SLP

November 2026

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1	2 **Market Rate Survey Info Session for Providers** 6:00-7:00 PM	3 	4	5 **Leadership Summit** 9:00 AM-12:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10 **Infant & Toddler:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM **Beyond Limits:** Helping Children Thrive 4:00-5:30 PM	11 	12 **Family Child Care:** Virtual Learning Community 6:00-7:30 PM	13	14 **CPR & First Aid Training** 8:30 AM-12:30 PM ***Bow, NH***
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November 2026

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Monday November 2	6:00-7:00 PM	Market Rate Survey Information Session for Providers	Get MRS Questions Answered	Terri Peck, DHHS, and Jess Carson, Carsey School of Public Policy, UNH
Thursday November 5	9:00 AM-12:30 PM	**Leadership Summit**	Leading with Joy: Making Space for Play, Connection & Possibility	**Stephanie Therrien,** M.Ed, ECMPWTPC, **Dee Dee Thurber,** M.Ed., ECMPWT, **Rae Pica**, Author, Why Play?: How to Make Play an Essential Part of Early Education
Tuesday November 10	4:00-5:30 PM	Beyond Limits: Helping Children Thrive	Building Bridges: Fostering Strong Partnerships with Families	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Tuesday November 10	6:00-7:30 PM	Infant & Toddler VLC	Zero to Three Critical Competencies Area 1: Providing Consistent and Responsive Caregiving (focus on the child)	Lindsey Parisi, M.Ed. ECPDST
Thursday November 12	6:00-7:30PM	Family Child Care VLC	Regulation Needs of Young Children: Part 2	Annie Dintino-Cucchi, M.Ed, Consultant, Center for Trauma Responsive Practice Change
Saturday November 14	8:30 AM -12:30 PM	CPR/First Aid, Bow NH		Chris Smith, AEMT
Monday November 16	6:00-7:30 PM	Social Emotional Topics VLC	Toddler Curriculum and Environments That Foster Connection, Learning, and Growth	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Tuesday November 17	6:00-7:30 PM	Early Childhood Essentials	Guiding Behavior & Building Emotional Support in Early Childhood	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC
Wednesday November 18	6:00-7:30 PM	Preschool VLC	Building Scientists Through Curiosity: Bringing STEAM to Life in Early Childhood	Judy Thibault, M.Ed ECPDSMTCCF
Thursday November 19	10:00-11:30 AM	Out-Of-School Time VLC	Embracing Conflict	Lindsey Parisi, M.Ed., ECMPWT
Thursday November 19	6:30-8:00 PM	Enhancing Communication and Learning Through SIgn Language	Building Language Through Books	V. Kamál Lange, MA, CCC-SLP
Tuesday November 24	6:00-7:30 PM	Infant & Toddler VLC	Zero to Three Critical Competencies Area 1: Providing Consistent and Responsive Caregiving (focus on the educator)	Lindsey Parisi, M.Ed. ECPDST
Wednesday November 25	6:00-7:30 PM	Revive & Thirve	The Art of Letting Go: Releasing What No Longer Serves You	Stephanie Therrien, M.Ed, ECMPWTPC

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