



# Northeast Early Childhood Council

Making a Difference for Children in

Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, Putnam, Sterling & Thompson

**Working collaboratively towards our mission that “All Children, Birth Through Age Eight, in Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, Putnam, Sterling & Thompson Are Healthy, Safe And Successful Learners”.**

The School Readiness Preschool Program provides affordable, high-quality early care and education services in our communities to help young children prepare for kindergarten. In 2022/2023, our seven communities will receive a total of \$1,729,846.00 to provide 286 preschool slots for children. In addition, we will receive \$29,763.00 in Quality Enhancement funds to provide professional development opportunities for our staff.

From 2020-2022, the Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC) has received over \$128,000 in funding to support its infrastructure, conduct outreach and complete projects that align with their mission.

## **2021-2022 Highlights**

**Strengthening Local Early Childhood Collaboratives Grant:** Received a \$40,000 grant to strengthen the NECC’s infrastructure & support specific projects. Hired a part time Regional Outreach Coordinator & recruited 7 Parent Ambassadors to assist with outreach and projects.

**Parent Ambassadors:** Established roles, responsibilities & application process for the new Parent Ambassador (PA) Program. Effectively recruited seven PA’s to ensure coverage for all seven NECC towns & trained them on resources in our communities to share with other parents.

**Community Outreach:** Attended 6 in-person outreach events in our region, distributing over 150 free books to local families. Engaged with over 100 families, adding them to our list-serve and connecting them to community resources.

**FREE Early Learning Kits:** Created 180 Early Learning (EL) Kits & distributed to local families with preschool-aged children who were not enrolled in an early learning program.

**People Empowering People (PEP) Grant:** Received a \$13,000 grant to hold a UCONN parent leadership training (PEP). The online training runs during spring 2022 with 11 local parents participating.



**Mental Health Task Force:** Convened Bi-Monthly Mental Health Task Force (MHTF) meetings with over 21 participants from our 7 communities. The MHTF comes together to learn about mental health resources and share ideas and best practices. Initiated the Social Emotional Learning Kit project by creating & distributing an online survey throughout our communities for input & engagement. This project is ongoing.

**Sparkler Early Learning Phone App:** Promoted the “Sparkler” early learning developmental app by creating and distributing a flyer with specific codes connecting families to local resources.

**NECC 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on:  
Monday’s 9/19/22, 11/7/22, 1/23/23, 3/13/23, 5/1/23**

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