



# Northeast Early Childhood Council

Working collaboratively towards our mission that:  
"All children, birth-age 8, in Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly,  
Plainfield, Putnam, Sterling & Thompson are  
healthy, safe, and successful learners"



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## 2022-2023 Highlights

Revised and distributed 750 copies of the  
"Resources for Families in NE CT"  
throughout our region.

Partnered with the Putnam Family Resource Center to hold UCONN People Empowering People (PEP) Parent Leadership Trainings, a three month program culminating in community projects benefitting our region.

A family needs survey identified Social-Emotional Learning supports as a priority for their children. In response, the NECC's Mental Health Task Force created FREE Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Kits distributed to local programs & families. Local Libraries received SEL kits to use with families during story hours.

Distributed over 250 Early Learning Kits to local families with pre-k aged children who are not enrolled in an early learning program to support their early education.

Continued to advocate for issues impacting children birth-age 8 in our region to ensure they are healthy, safe and successful learners

Local Business members participated in School Readiness Council meetings and actively supported our work.

NECC staff attended numerous school and community outreach events to introduce resources to local families, including Sparkler.





Putnam Public Schools

# Thank You to our Partners!



The Brooklyn Schools



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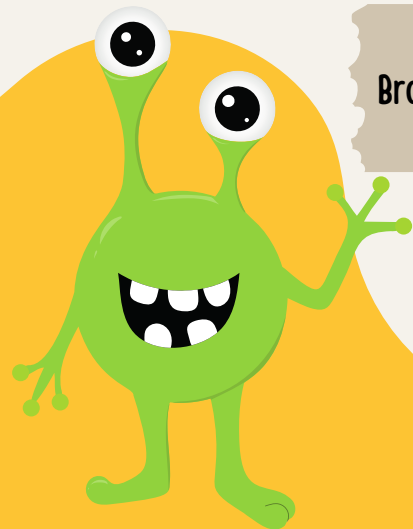
The NECC partnered with Read to Grow, who donated books that were distributed to local families in our FREE Early Learning Kits and at events in our communities.



Altrusa Club of NE CT also donated books & the "Summer House" story walk to benefit our local families



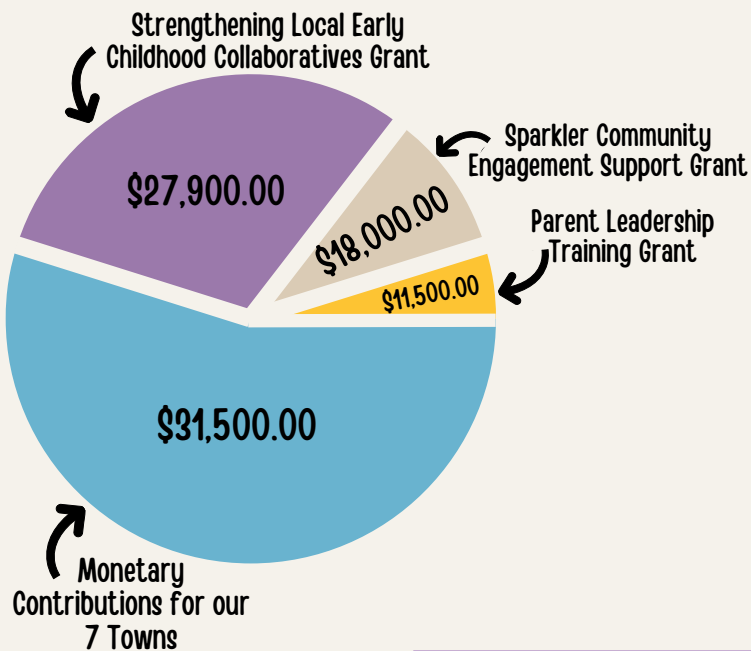
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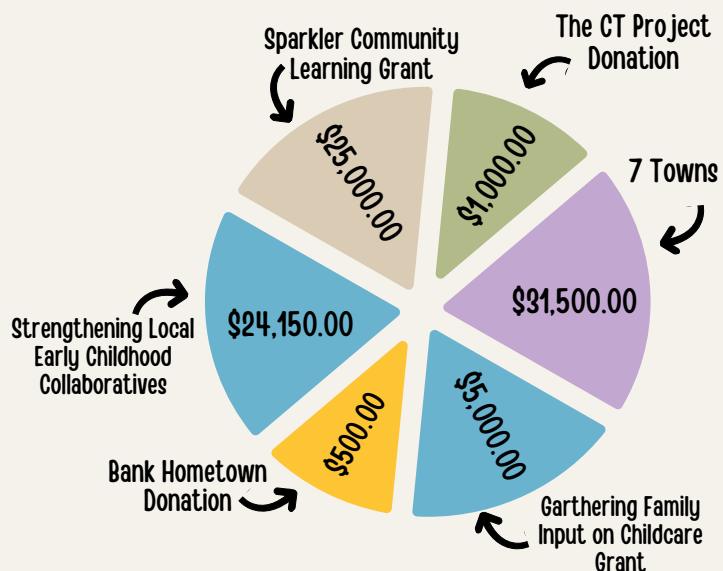
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## 2022-2023 Grants & Donations



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# Northeast Early Childhood Council

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