



# Catch the Buzz ...



## The Parent Information Center

was awarded the grant from the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education to continue the NH Connections project.

## The NH Connections

project will continue with the same region facilitators who have been working in the positions to create community change. BUT, the change in the director and changes to the scope and work of the full time director and the five Regional Support Network facilitators are underway and you will be hearing more and more from us.

The NH Connections project is focused on creating partnerships, by holding conversations and assisting to build relationships among partners to increase student success while meeting the unique needs of all children.

Research says "great curriculum, great instruction by great teachers, and great family involvement is the key to student success".

As we move forward, let's work together to create goals.

Let's address specific areas to create opportunities for the partners to work to reach our goals.

Our current and future students in our school communities will benefit and they will thank us for our dedication to collaboration.

Let's provide the platform to hold conversations among parents and families, educators, school administrators, community service providers to address academic outcomes, behavioral issues, and activities to create family engagement. Let's include the unique needs of all students. Let's be intentional. Let's plan. Let's put in place and let's evaluate.

Then, let's celebrate our success!

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**As a parent recently said at an RSN meeting, "My wife and I could do one of two things; fight or collaborate with the school". They chose to collaborate and the PASE team is making a difference.  
Neil Rogers, Nashua.**

**NH Connections is a project** funded by the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education to provide support to educators, parents, and service providers in their efforts to improve educational outcomes to meet the unique needs of all students.

NH Connections offers facilitation services, technical assistance, and professional development to establish and sustain partnerships in school districts and local school communities.

Through your Regional Support Network, district partnerships share and exchange knowledge and experiences.



**Indicator 8 Measurement reads:** Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities. While NH Connections will continue to support the priorities and efforts addressed by the Bureau of Special Education in the State Performance Plan, specific emphasis will be placed on promoting parent participation on Indicator 8, the statewide Parent Involvement Survey, and related activities and issues from the results of the survey.

**STAY TUNED FOR TIPS FROM NH CONNECTIONS**

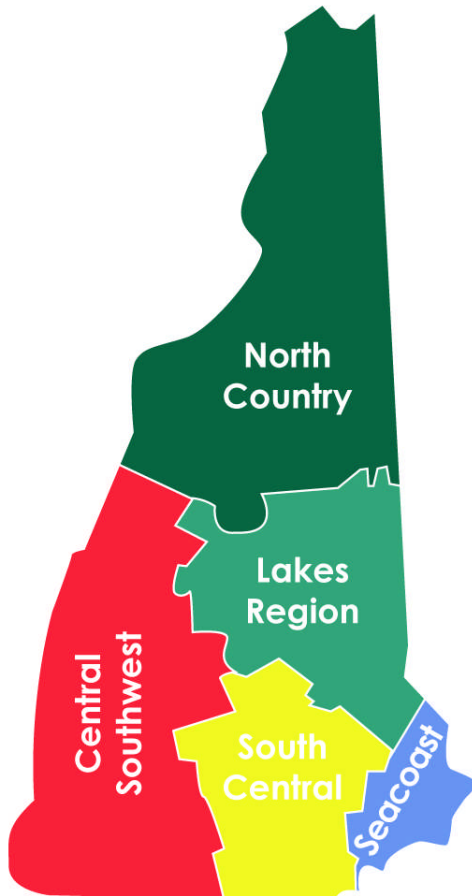
# NHConnections.org

is due for a redesign. Stay tuned for information about how NH Connections can help you, district level special education teams, local school community teams, Regional Support Network activities, list of guest speakers, and links to parent involvement ideas for all grade levels.

[www.nhconnections.org](http://www.nhconnections.org)

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## Creating partnerships

will increase student success in all environments. Holding conversations and creating action plans will keep kids in school and yearning to learn, create a sense of belonging, nurture the child's self-worth, support the child's sense of accomplishment, develop aspirations in each child to become active and engaged citizens, and increase friendships. Partnerships build strong relationships among peers and among those who are raising, nurturing and educating our children.

How can the creation of a partnership team do all this? Contact your Regional Support Facilitator to find out how you can create great sustainable partnership teams.

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**Moving forward for student success with family engagement ...**

## We are meeting where?

For your service, we currently include upcoming meetings and events on the Facebook page of [NH Connections](#).

In addition, the workshops that are presented by the Parent Information Center in collaboration with NH Connections and other partners are listed on Workshop page of the [NH Parent Information and Resource Center](#).

## TIPS to create family engagement

1. Create a welcoming environment for families, 2. Practice effective two-way communication, 3. Reach, connect and engage all families, 4. Ensure your school provides support for learning at home.

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