



What is Connections for Kids?

Connections for Kids is a new opportunity for communities and early childhood educators to support **children's social and emotional development**. Designed in coordination with Rooted in Relationships, this professional learning model integrates three widely used, evidence-based interventions — focusing on **positive educator well-being**, **supportive classroom environments** and **strong family engagement** — to meet children's needs.



Aligned Programs:

CHIME (Cultivating Healthy, Intentional, Mindful Educators) is designed to promote well-being among educators and children they serve by fostering a culture of mindfulness and reflection.

Pyramid uses a multi-tiered approach that promotes responsive relationships and high-quality supportive classroom environments. It includes explicit S/E teaching practices, as well as intensive, individualized interventions to address challenging behavior.

Getting Ready uses a family engagement approach that focuses on enhancing relationships within and between systems (i.e., homes, ECE programs) and strengthening collaborative partnerships with parents to boost learning and development.

Why does this work matter?

- All young children, especially those facing adversity, need high-quality care and education that prioritizes their social and emotional well-being. Building these skills helps children thrive — both now and as adults later in life.
- Early childhood educators need personalized, comprehensive support to be healthy, knowledgeable and prepared to address children's needs.
- Early childhood systems must be reimagined and strengthened to support educators and families and promote positive outcomes for all children.

Who is involved?

University, state and community are working together to address early childhood education challenges in partnership with program administrators and classroom educators statewide.

Learn more at: transformed-ne.org

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