

## **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

### **Ideas Wanted**

The American Rescue Plan Act Idea Input Survey has been delayed until later in the month of May. We have decided to wait until we receive the specific guidance and have assessed how they will impact any program planning, timelines, potential and potential activities, etc. When the Survey is available the link and the announcement will be posted on the NH Connections' site. Until then, thank you for your patience. Please know this funding has a lengthy timeline, so you will not miss an opportunity to weigh-in.

We have now received the award letter from the Administration for Families and Children- Office of Child Care, but guidance is not slated to be received until early May. Meanwhile, please share your ideas and thoughts on how we can use these funds to stabilize, expand and innovate in the child care sector throughout the state now and in the future. This survey is a place for you to jot down your ideas – no fancy writing skill necessary - just your invaluable thoughts!

The planning process will take some time and we want to base it on short and long term needs and stakeholder input.

You will be asked to provide some basic non-identifying information so we know what sector of child care you are representing. There is an option to provide your full contact information, but it is not necessary. Further, you do not need to provide an answer for the topic headings – just add what is comfortable for you – it can be a couple of words like “staff bonuses” or a lengthy description. If you run out of room or wish to send an email instead of using the survey monkey, please direct your correspondence to [eccp@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:eccp@dhhs.nh.gov) and put ARPA Ideas in the subject.

Please watch the NH Connections/CCAoNH website for more information and other ways to provide feedback. In addition, we will host an informational webinar when more details become available.