Collaboration and Partnership:
Housed at the YWCA in Manchester, the Family Education Collaborative is a partnership between UNH Cooperative Extension, UNH Manchester, the YWCA of Manchester, and Child and Family Services created for the purpose of strengthening families in Manchester and New Hampshire. In collaboration with other community agencies, and funded by grants from organizations such as the UNH Office of Research and Outreach Scholarship, The Families and Work Institute, and Hillsborough County, The Collaborative endeavors to enhance the well being of Manchester and New Hampshire families. More specifically,

The Family Education Collaborative Provides:
- Direct education, services, and resources to Manchester parents and caregivers including evidence based parent education programs on all aspects of parenting healthy and vibrant children in all types of family settings.
- A voice for families in Manchester to assist in making their community a better place to raise children.
- A vital laboratory for students and researchers studying effective design and delivery of family education programs and a chance to interact with parents from diverse backgrounds.
- A model program that will provide leadership in program design and research to 22 other family and parent resource centers throughout New Hampshire and offer badly needed curriculum and standards to those programs.

Potential Outcomes:
Research shows that:
- Parent education is effective in reducing child abuse and neglect
- Family resource centers such as the Family Education Collaborative can reduce community rates of juvenile crime, addiction, and delinquency.
- Parent education saves real dollars by preventing costly social service, justice and mental health system intervention.
- Healthy families are more productive in the workforce, contribute positively to their communities, and raise children who perform better in school.

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