

Nurturing Network Meeting

"Nurturing Resilience:
Supporting Immigrant
Families"



Keynote Speaker: Coleen DeBari
Beyond Welcome

Workshop Presentation
Jasmin Rivas

Healing – Belonging – Storytelling –
Embodied Wellness



**Registration
is required:**



**Thursday,
November 12, 2026
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

The Publick House
277 Main Street Sturbridge, MA

FNC is grateful to the Massachusetts
Department of Children and Families (DCF)
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This event is free!

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**Join us for a day of learning,
connection, and reflection
for professionals supporting
children and families.**

**This year's Nurturing
Network Meeting focuses on
building resilience,
belonging, while supporting
immigrant families and
communities.**

- Connect with fellow providers
- Strengthen your practice
- Nurture resilience
- Light breakfast and nurturing lunch provided.



2026 Nurturing Network Meeting

Theme: Nurturing Immigrant Families

This year's meeting will strengthen providers' capacity to support immigrant children and families through compassionate, culturally responsive approaches that foster belonging and family connection. Participants will explore practical strategies for navigating stress, uncertainty, and cultural and language barriers while strengthening partnerships and prioritizing provider well-being.

Featured Speakers

Coleen DeBari

Immigrant Family Experience • Cultural Responsiveness • Provider Practice

Coleen is a Massachusetts educational leader and family advocate with over 20 years of experience supporting multilingual learners and immigrant families. As Compliance and Equity Coordinator for Tantasqua Regional and Union 61 Schools, she works to improve access, strengthen family partnerships, and foster belonging.

Jasmin Rivas

Healing • Belonging • Storytelling • Embodied Wellness

Jasmin is a bilingual wellness practitioner, yoga instructor, educator, writer, and community advocate. Her work centers on healing, cultural identity, storytelling, and wellness, helping providers strengthen their well-being while fostering resilience and belonging for families.

Agenda

9:00–9:30 AM | Registration, Breakfast & Connection

9:30–10:00 AM | Welcome & Framing the Day
Introduction to the *Nurturing Immigrant Families* theme.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM | Featured Session: *Beyond Welcome* — Coleen DeBari
Exploring listening, family partnerships, cultural responsiveness, and practical strategies to build meaningful connections and belonging.

12:00–1:00 PM | Nurturing Lunch & Connection

1:00–2:30 PM | Afternoon Workshops — Jasmin Rivas
Interactive workshops exploring wellness, belonging, resilience, and supporting immigrant families.

2:30–3:00 PM | Reflection, Resources & Closing Remarks
Sharing key takeaways, resources, and strategies to apply in practice.