

Early Childhood Educator Resource Map

Building Bright Futures (BBF) is Vermont's Early Childhood State Advisory Council charged under Vermont Title 33, Chapter 46 and the federal Head Start Act to advise the Governor and Legislature on the well-being of children in the prenatal period through age 8 and their families.



BBF convenes partners through:

- 12 Regional Councils
- Vermont's Early Childhood Strategic Plan Committees
- Families & Communities Committee
- Vermont's Early Childhood Data and Policy Center
- Vermont Early Childhood Fund (VECF)

Here are some of the State of Vermont agencies that Early Childhood Programs may utilize.

Child Development Division (CDD)

- Regulates and licenses child care programs to ensure safe, healthy, and developmentally appropriate environments for children.
- Child Development Division Information System (CDDIS) & Bright Futures Information System (BFIS)
- Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)
- STep Ahead Recognition System (STARS) is Vermont's Quality Recognition and Improvement System
- Children's Integrated Services (CIS)
- Head Start Collaboration Office



Vermont Agency of Education (AOE)

- Universal Pre-K
- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Department of Health (VDH)

- Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Learning

First Children's Finance

First Children's Finance delivers expert consulting, training and business resources to Vermont child care entrepreneurs at no cost to Vermont businesses.

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Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children

VTAEYC advances equity and excellence in early childhood education. A membership organization which provides resources and advocates for policies that move early childhood education forward now and for the future.

- ECE Program Supports: System for Program Access to Resources for Quality Supports (SPARQS)
- Career Advancement: scholarships, apprenticeship programs, and resources
- Grants and bonuses for programs and individuals
- Regional and Statewide Vermont Early Childhood Networks (VECN)
- Professional Development & Annual Conference



The hub of the professional development system for early childhood and afterschool professionals.

- Free, high-quality trainings and communities of practice.
- Career Ladder level certificates, Program Director Credential, Afterschool Certificates and Credential, and Early Intervention Certificates.
- Comprehensive advising supports including understanding and meeting job requirements, finding great trainings, understanding what can count in the system, pathways to advance in your career, director support for hiring and much more.
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VERMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

VECAA is a statewide coalition of early childhood professionals and providers, parents, and employers working together to improve public policies that impact young children on issues of health, safety, food security, economic security, and early childhood education.



A statewide nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that the children and youth in every Vermont community are able to benefit from the power of afterschool, summer learning, and third space programs during the out-of-school time hours.

- Professional Development and Program Resources
- Vermont Afterschool Annual Conference
- Partner with VTAEYC on SPARQS



Let's Grow Kids Action Network (LGKAN) is a 501(c)(4) focused on building the political will necessary to pass laws that fund and support a sustainable and equitable child care system in Vermont. LGKAN is focused on three major priorities: protecting the child care funding that is delivering results; strengthening the early childhood educator (ECE) workforce; and continuing to expand access and lower costs for families. As a social welfare organization, LGKAN can engage in political and electoral advocacy and lobbying.



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