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Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance

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The Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance is a statewide coalition of early childhood professionals and providers, parents, organizations, and businesses working together to improve public policies that impact children from birth to age eight and families in the areas of health, safety, food security, economic security, and early care and education.

To achieve this goal, the Alliance focuses on the creation and support of an annual Legislative Agenda in the Vermont legislature. The Agenda includes priority issues for the coalition's diverse voices from around the state.



Let's Grow Kids' mission is to ensure affordable access to high-quality child care for all Vermont families. We know that child care is essential to Vermonters, but even before the pandemic, 3 out of 5 of Vermont's youngest children did not have access to the care they needed. COVID-19 has only exacerbated already pressing challenges for families, early childhood educators, and employers. Equitable access to a high-quality and affordable child care system will enable Vermont support young families, grow its workforce, and set its youngest residents up for future success in school, relationships, work, and life.

On January 28th, Let's Grow Kids officially launched a three-year legislative campaign to achieve accessible, affordable, high-quality early childhood education for all families. Let's Grow Kids is now collaborating with Let's Grow Kids Action Network (LGKAN), its newly formed 501(c)(4) affiliate, to spearhead the community organizing and political accountability needed to drive our 3-year legislative campaign to fund and support a sustainable and equitable child care system in Vermont. With support from champions across the state, we are working to ensure every Vermont child has equal opportunity to learn, thrive, and reach their full potential.

Let's Grow Kids

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Building Bright Futures

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Building Bright Futures' (BBF) is Vermont's public-private partnership and neutral convener, mandated to serve as the Early Childhood State Advisory Council (SAC). BBF hosts a robust infrastructure to elevate family and community needs, and to support the early childhood system by using collective impact to address the complex health, education, behavioral health, and safety conditions surrounding all children prenatal to age eight and their families in Vermont.

We envision an early childhood system where partners work together with shared vision, shared action and shared accountability; where regional tables are set for communities to problem solve, coordinate, and take action; where data drives decision making; and sensible state policy is informed by the wisdom of communities.



The Vermont Community Loan Fund is a mission-driven, community-focused alternative lender. We provide loans and other resources to local businesses, community organizations & nonprofits, early care & learning providers and developers of affordable housing who don't qualify for a loan from a traditional lender. We develop and promote innovative capital-based solutions to issues of poverty and opportunity...to help create a **stronger, healthier, happier Vermont.**

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Turrell Fund

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TURRELL FUND

The Turrell Fund is a foundation serving children, founded in 1935 by Herbert and Margaret Turrell. Our priority is organizations serving young children ages 0 to 3, which can present strong evidence of exceptional service quality and who have distinguished themselves along multiple dimensions. While we continue to fund direct services, times have changed and many parents are in the workforce. We fund policy change because we recognized the importance of the early years and access to high-quality childcare.

Turrell Fund grants are awarded primarily to organizations located in Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union Counties in New Jersey, and throughout the State of Vermont. In our grant decisions, the at-risk profile of the children served, and the ultimate reach and impact of our potential investments, are primary criteria.



Vermont Association for the
Education of Young Children

VTAIEYC is the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's largest membership organization of early childhood professionals. We are dedicated to improving the quality of care and education, improving the professional practice of early childhood professionals, and building public understanding and support for high quality early childhood programs.

As part of VTAIEYC's mission to enhance the quality of early childhood professional practices, we offer programs that directly serve those working in the field: TEACH Vermont, our Annual Fall Conference, and the Vermont Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program. Our organization is the also leading efforts in Vermont to advance early childhood education as a profession.

As part of our mission to advocate for young children, VTAIEYC collaborates with the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance and Let's Grow Kids. VTAIEYC has been the lead organization for major issues before the legislature such as Child Care Financial Assistance and TEACH funding. We encourage all of our members to let their voices be heard!

Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children

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Voices for Vermont's Children is a multi-issue advocacy organization focused on promoting public policy that centers children and youth. At Voices, we take a systemic approach to addressing the full spectrum of child, youth and family issues. Our work is driven by research, analysis and the lived experience of impacted individuals in the pursuit of equity and justice for all kids.

As a statewide membership organization of several hundred individuals and organizations, we are deeply committed to creating a future where every child can thrive. Our efforts involve:

- Advocating during the Vermont Legislative session;
- Organizing and working in state and regional coalitions;
- Providing up-to-date information, policy briefs and fact sheets on issues important to children and youth.
- Co-sponsoring workshops, trainings and conferences.

Voices' legislative priorities for the 2021 session include initiatives like Paid Family and Medical Leave, full funding of Reach Up, and the establishment of an Office of Child, Youth and Family Advocate to provide oversight and accountability for child protective services. Find our full legislative agenda at voicesforvtkids.org.

Voices for Vermont's Children

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Vermont Head Start Association

Website: vermontheadstart.org



The Vermont Head Start Association's vision is to engage parents, staff, partners, the public, and lawmakers to achieve the highest quality early education and child care for young children.

Our mission is to strengthen programs through:

- Professional development of the workforce,
- Collaboration with our early education and child care partners, and
- Advocacy for high quality programs for pregnant women and families with children from birth to five years old.



Vermont Children's Trust Foundation

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The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation promotes the well-being of children and families in Vermont by raising funds for community-based prevention programs.

Ensuring that every child in Vermont has a fair chance at success is what drives our work. The money raised by the Foundation supports community-based prevention programs, a ground up approach to making sure children are safe and secure, they make wise choices, they are prepared to be good students, and are encouraged to feel good about themselves.

Funds are granted to programs that meet the following outcomes:

- Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.
- Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential.

Winston Prouty

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WINSTON
PROUTY



The Winston Prouty Center for Child and Family Development provides inclusive education and family support to promote the success of children and families.

For over 50 years, the Center has served the communities of Southern Vermont. We have grown from being one of the first preschools in the country educating children with disabilities to an early childhood system regional hub assisting over 600 families per year in Windham County through two primary programs: **Community-Based Services**, which includes Children's Integrated Services, Family Supportive Housing and Child Care Support Services which includes the Early Learning Express bookmobile; and the **Early Learning Center**.

We value inclusion, learning, collaboration, and persistence.



The mission of the Vermont Parent Child Center Network is to provide children, youth and families with strength based, holistic and collaborative services across Vermont with a focus on early childhood education and prevention services. The Network provides leadership, support and advocacy on behalf of its membership and in collaboration with key partners to achieve the best outcomes for families.

PCCs are service hubs for families with young children – an actual place in the local community where families are always welcome and can always get the support they need, regardless of economic status or family status.

Vermont Parent Child Center Network

Website:

vtparentchildcenternetwork.org





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Concept2

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We support, with funds and equipment, organizations that improve the quality of life for our local Vermont communities. Our goal is to make significant contributions that provide direct benefits. We target efficient grass-roots organizations that have low administrative costs relative to program spending. We try to balance our giving among organizations that promote social justice, environmental conservation, education, arts, sports, health and other community enhancing activities.

Vermont Parent Child Center Network

Website: vccpa.org



The Vermont Child Care Providers Association (VCCPA) is a statewide, not for profit association, providing peer support to Vermont's child care providers for more than 20 years. This association is organized for the purpose of providing child care providers peer support as well as access to information and resources that will allow them to provide safe, healthy, nurturing, and quality child care while allowing them to receive an income and benefits available to any employed person.

We believe that meeting providers' needs leads to a more stable child care system and higher quality care for Vermont's children. VCCPA members include family child care providers, center providers, and other agencies and individuals who support the VCCPA vision that Vermont's Children Thrive!

We represent providers and promote professional connections by offering support and access to resources, and by serving as a liaison between the association members, organizations, and policy makers in the field of early care and education.



**The Vermont Child Care
Providers Association**

A group of children are sitting on a patterned carpet, surrounded by party supplies like balloons and streamers. One child in the foreground is wearing a red shirt and has their hand raised. Another child next to them is wearing a dark blue shirt with a graphic that says "LET'S PLAY". The scene is festive and brightly lit.

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