

Let's Grow Kids Child Care Advocacy Fellowship

What It Is:

The Child Care Advocacy Fellowship is a 9-month leadership program designed to connect Vermonters dedicated to transforming the Child Care system through advocacy. Our vision is a program that builds community among our supporters while supporting participants in growing both their skills and their networks. This Fellowship will include trainings on a variety of topics by leaders in the child care space. Participants will leave this program with the training to be child care advocates in their communities through the end of the campaign and beyond, creating a lasting network of connected child care champions in Vermont.

Program Format:

This is a 9 month program is a comprehensive training program with a stipend. It will run from April 6 through December 20, 2024. There will be monthly online training calls with guest speakers and trainers as well as an **in person** welcome and training session, in Montpelier, at the start of the program. Dates are below.

Save These Dates:

- Informational Meetings - January 31, 2024
- Orientation Training - April 6, 2024, 10:00-4:30
- Optional Lobby Day- April 10, 2024
- Monthly Meetings/Trainings (Tentative)-
4/25, 5/16, 6/6, 6/27, 9/5, 9/26, 10/17, 11/7, 11/21
- Electioneering Action (TBD) -11/5

Goals of the Program:

Participants will help transform the Child Care System and help solve the child care crisis by:

1. Keeping Child Care as a priority in our communities and with legislators throughout the 2024 Legislative Session and into the election season – ensuring Act 76 has the support needed to be successfully implemented.
2. Support the election and re-election of Child Care Champions in their communities during campaign season setting us up for the 2025 legislative session.
3. Bring new volunteers into the movement! We are more powerful together!

What you'll be doing:

1. Meeting with your representatives in your district and in the state house.

2. Recruiting new volunteers by engaging your networks and talking to people at public events.
3. Campaigning with the Child Care Champions in your community to help them with their re-election campaigns – attending phonebanks and canvasses and helping to get other volunteers engaged in these events.
4. Learning skills together to be powerful child care advocates.

Our commitment to you:

- Provide trainings and tools to help you be successful in your role as well as ongoing support and mentorship.
- Create opportunities to learn from advocates and leaders from across the state.
- Design an environment that supports you in learning new skills and building relationships with other child care advocates in the state.
- Work with you to set realistic goals and outcomes and make sure you have the skills you need to achieve them!

Compensation:

Selected participants will receive a stipend of \$250 at the end of the program, plus travel compensation throughout the program.

What Makes You a Good Fit:

1. Passionate about the Vermont Child Care Campaign's goal to ensure affordable childcare is accessible for all Vermont families.
2. Able to dedicate 8 hours a month to training and grassroots organizing, which will be a combination of scheduled outreach events, rapid response actions and a whole lot of talking to people.
3. Willing to engage personal networks (such as friends, family, employer, volunteer/ social organizations, and business contacts) to promote the campaign's mission.
4. You are excited about making democracy more accessible to Vermonters - ensuring all Vermonters, and especially those most impacted by the Child Care Crisis, know the critical moments for shaping the transformation of the child care system.

Application Process:

1. Join us for an info session in January to learn more about the program and ask your questions! (attending an info session is a requirement for acceptance into the fellowship)
 - a. Session 1: January 31, 2024, 12:30-1:15 PM [Registration Link](#)
 - b. Session 2 January 31, 2024, 5:30-6:15 PM: [Registration Link](#)
2. Submit your application online at <http://letsgrowkids.org/applyCCAF> by February 9, 2024.
3. We'll let you know by February 26, 2024 if you have been accepted.
4. You accept the fellowship by February 28, 2024 and send your biography, W9 and other needed documents to Let's Grow Kids.

Participant Requirements/Commitments:

- One Full Day Training - Tentatively scheduled for April 6, 2024 in Montpelier
- Share your childcare story for future use in public LGK communications (video, personal profile, social media)
- Bring 10 new people into the childcare movement through rapid response moments or other key community events
- Contact legislators for at least 3 Rapid Response Calls to Action
- Share calls to actions within your personal network throughout the legislative session
- Share LGK events and calls to action to your social media or Front Porch Forum accounts, 3 times per month

For questions about the Child Care Advocacy Fellowship or assistance with the application, please contact Wendy Rice at wendy@letsgrowkids.org.