

Delivering on the Promise of Act 76

2024 Policy Agenda

Overview

In 2023, Vermonters worked together with lawmakers to pass Act 76! This new law makes Vermont a national leader in child care. The law's historic investments will stabilize our child care sector; provide access to affordable, quality child care for thousands of Vermont kids and their families who need it; and overall help make Vermont a more affordable place to live. Act 76 proves that solving our state's child care crisis is within our reach.

In 2024, the Vermont Legislature must deliver on the promise of Act 76, which will invest an additional \$125 million a year into Vermont's child care system. **This year, the Child Care Campaign's primary policy goal is to make sure Act 76 is fully funded and properly implemented. We owe it to Vermonters to get this right.** This year, we'll work with policy-makers to continue improving our child care system, including allocating funding for Act 76 and ongoing child care supports in the State Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Policy Priorities

- Successfully meet Act 76 implementation milestones
- Improve family affordability
- Support early childhood educator (ECE) recruitment and retention
- Increase child care program quality and capacity



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January 1:

Child care programs receive 35% rate increase in Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFAP).

April 1:

CCFAP income eligibility expansion to families earning up to 400% FPL.

July 1:

Child Care Contribution takes effect (new payroll tax); and an additional rate increase for family child care homes.

October 1:

CCFAP income eligibility expansion to families earning up to 575% of FPL.

Improve family affordability

Ensure families and child care programs are able to access the significant additional investment in Vermont's CCFAP.

Increase child care program quality and capacity

Fully fund the Quality and Capacity Incentive Program, a \$10 million program established in Act 76 to increase the quality and capacity of Vermont's child care system; and more.

Support early childhood educator recruitment and retention

Continue funding Vermont's Early Childhood Educator Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program; continue funding scholarship and pre-apprenticeship programs to recruit and retain early childhood educators; and more.

Find more information about Act 76 by scanning the QR code with your phone.

