



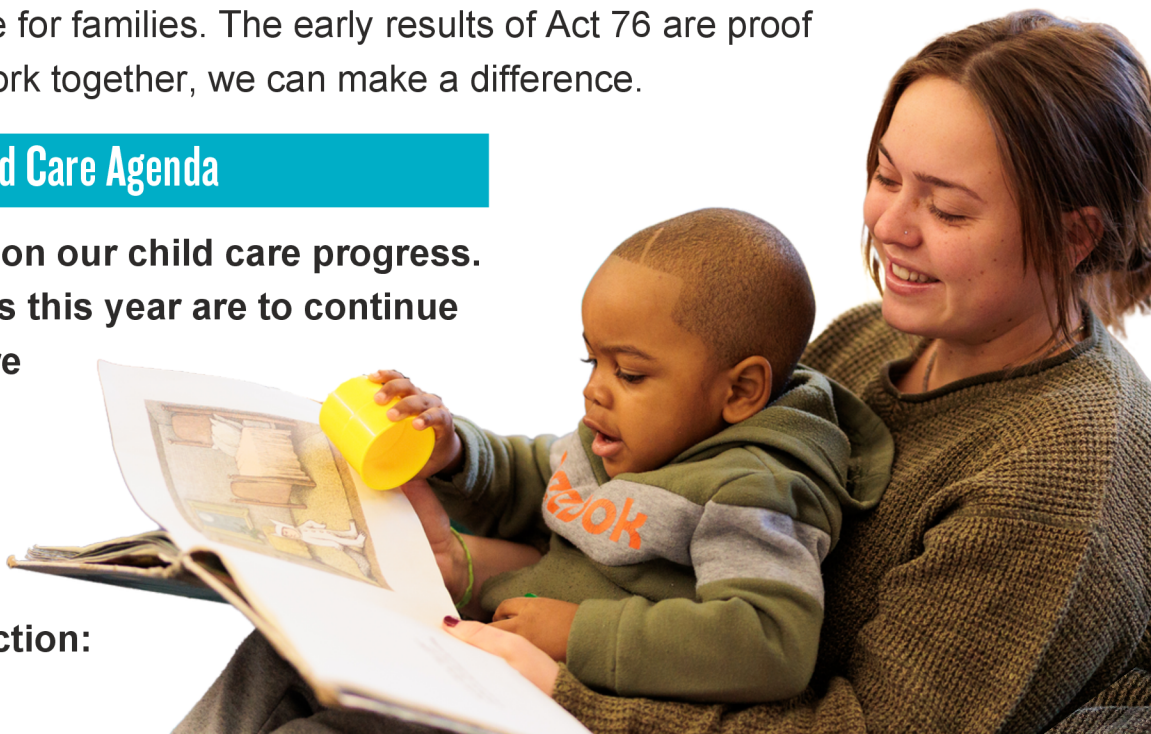
# Building on our Child Care Progress

Affordable, accessible, quality child care is essential to Vermont. It allows parents to work and prepares our youngest children for school. In the first year since Act 76 passed, thousands of families accessed reduced child care costs and many programs increased pay for early childhood educators, giving them the ability to better recruit and retain staff and expand capacity. This strengthens our economy, helps businesses grow, and makes Vermont more affordable for families. The early results of Act 76 are proof positive that when we work together, we can make a difference.

## 2025 Child Care Agenda

In 2025, we must build on our child care progress. Our top policy priorities this year are to continue to make child care more affordable for families and to strengthen the early childhood education workforce.

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# 2025 Policy Priorities

## Continue Progress from Act 76

- Ensure the long-term public investment created by Act 76 is funded so that it continues expanding child care access and lowering costs for Vermonters.



Since Act 76 passed, over 1,000 new child care spaces have been created and over 90 new programs have opened.

## Increase Affordability and Access for Families

- Expand access for families to the state's child care tuition assistance program (CCFAP).
- Increase funding for child care programs, so they can keep growing capacity by recruiting and retaining more educators and staff.



Compared to this time last year, child care tuition assistance enrollment has increased by over 1,600 families.

## Strengthen the Early Childhood Educator Workforce

- Establish a professional state license to practice for early childhood educators to support the growth of a diverse, well-prepared, and well-compensated workforce.
- Expand career pathway programs.
- Implement new tools for recruiting and retaining early childhood educators to continue growing capacity and improving quality in the child care system.



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