The 2023 Child Care Bill makes Vermont's child care system one of the most expansive in the nation.

This legislation will stabilize the sector and make a quantum leap in providing access to affordable, quality child care for all Vermont families who need it. The bill includes long-term, sustainable, public investment in Vermont’s child care system. On an annual basis, the bill will invest $125 million into the child care sector.

**Affordability**

About 7,450 more children and their families will have access to child care financial assistance!

**Accessibility**

Increased state funding will help bolster child care programs’ staffing and capacity.

**Quality**

Sustainable funding will lead to increased investment in Vermont’s early childhood education workforce.
The 2023 Child Care Bill will help families and child care programs utilize significant additional investment in Vermont's Child Care Financial Assistance Program. Here's how:

**January 2024**
Child Care Programs Receive 35% Increase in State Reimbursements

**July 2024**
Additional Increase in State Reimbursements for Home-Based Programs

**Payroll Tax Contributions Begin**

**Summer 2023**
First Round of Funds to Help Stabilize Child Care Programs

**April 2024**
More Families Become Eligible for Child Care Financial Assistance

**October 2024**
EVEN MORE Families are Eligible for Financial Assistance!

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**Laying the Foundation for Future Success**

The 2023 Child Care Bill also:

- Sets the stage for minimum pay standards for early childhood educators
- Addresses resource shortages for children in child care with special needs

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Learn more about the bill here.