

2022 POLICY AGENDA

2022 Child Care Transformation Plan

Thanks to the incredible work and commitment of child care champions like you, Vermont has never been closer to achieving the strong and stable child care system we all need, but at the same time, things have also never been harder for Vermont families, businesses, and especially our essential early childhood education workforce.

This year, we must keep the momentum going by advocating for the continued implementation of H.171/Act 45 (The Child Care Bill passed in 2021) and addressing Vermont's urgent child care workforce crisis.

Our priorities for the 2022 legislative session are:

Immediately Responding to Vermont's Early Childhood Educator Workforce Crisis

- » Investments are urgently needed to recruit and retain early childhood educators and strengthen programs.

Continuing Work to Transform the System

- » We must ensure that the work set in motion in H.171/Act 45 is implemented as planned, including funding the Child Care Financing Study and upgrading the failing IT system used to administer Vermont's child care system.
- » Progress must continue in order to achieve affordability through the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP).
- » A bill needs to pass to build the infrastructure to create a strong business and capacity resource center to support child care programs of all types.



Together, we can create a Vermont in which all children have equitable access to early childhood education opportunities, families are able to find and afford the child care they need to stay at or return to work, and early childhood educators are equitably compensated and valued for their critical work.

Become a champion for Vermont's Children. Join Vermont's Child Care Campaign.

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