

# Lamoille County

## NORTHERN VERMONT UNIVERSITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ONLINE PROGRAM

Northern Vermont University's early childhood education online program enables students who are working as early childhood educators to complete a Bachelor of Science degree and earn an early childhood educator teaching license. In 2021, demand for this program grew to 52 students, up from 12 in 2020, with more than 30 students on the waitlist, making it one of the fastest growing programs in the Vermont State Colleges System.

By summer 2023, this relatively new program is estimated to graduate an additional 70 licensed early educators in Vermont. This program is an excellent reflection of increasing interest in early childhood education as a career and an example of the importance of offering accessible pathways to licensure. Let's Grow Kids provided funding to promote this program to early childhood educators and to support the curriculum revisions needed to meet the required state standards for educator licensure.

This project is a great example of one of the successful workforce development initiatives Let's Grow Kids invested in during 2021.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR YES VOTE ON H.171!

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## LAMOILLE COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS



#### CHILDREN LIKELY TO NEED CARE:

- 332 Infants
- 166 Toddlers
- 401 Preschoolers

#### CHILD CARE SPACES NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND:

- 218 for Infants
- 41 for Toddlers
- 176 for Preschoolers



We rely on a talented workforce of early educators to help give our kids the best start they can possibly receive, and we have a moral imperative to compensate our early educators fairly and adequately to reflect their skills and dedication to the profession. **It's nothing less than what our kids deserve, and what every other industrialized country does already.**

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Vermont Program Director

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Vermont is full of vibrant sole-proprietorships, like mine. Many are parents who value the flexibility and challenge of running their own business. **Access to child care is a crucial support that allows us to build, innovate, and bring the vitality of entrepreneurship to Vermont's economy.**



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