

S.56

The 2023 Child Care Bill

S.56 would change the trajectory of our state by making child care more accessible and affordable for thousands of Vermont families, and would improve quality by increasing professional training, pay and benefits for early childhood educators. It includes a long-term, sustainable revenue source that can fund a quality, affordable child care system.

This is what child care advocates have been calling on lawmakers to do for years.

Here's what S.56 would do for Vermonters:

1 AFFORDABILITY

An estimated 7,700 more children and their families would have access to child care financial assistance.

2 ACCESSIBILITY

Through readiness grants and capacity incentives, child care programs would be supported to bolster their staffing and increase their capacity to serve more children.

3 QUALITY

Through increased investment, child care programs will be able to provide better pay, benefits, and professional training for their employees, which improves quality.