All About Act 76

Act 76 makes Vermont's child care system one of the most expansive in the nation.

This legislation includes long-term, sustainable, public investment in Vermont's child care system, which 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 law will invest \$125 million into the child care sector annually.

Affordability

Over 7,000 more children and their families will have access to child care tuition assistance!

Accessibility

Increased state funding will help bolster child care programs' capacity to create more child care slots.

Quality

Sustainable funding will lead to increased investment in Vermont's early childhood education workforce.



Implementation Timeline

Act 76 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% increased state reimbursements

July 2024Additional increase in state reimbursements for home-based programs

Payroll tax contributions begin

Fall 2023

First round of funds to help stabilize child care programs

April 2024

More families become eligible for child care tuition assistance

October 2024

EVEN MORE families are eligible for tuition assistance!

Laying the Foundation for Future Success

Act 76 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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