

Act 76 gives Vermont families access to affordable, quality child care.

Why do Vermonters need a child care solution?



Quality child care is essential to the healthy development of young children, and it enables our state to thrive through a **stable workforce**. Yet, in Vermont, over 8,000 child care slots are still needed to meet demand. Meanwhile, families who secure child care are spending up to 30% of their household income on it. When families can't find affordable child care, parents — particularly moms — leave the workforce to fill the void; this leaves businesses with a staffing shortage and hurts our state's economy.

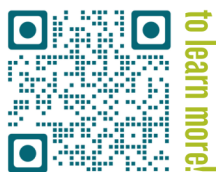
How does Act 76 address the child care crisis?



Act 76 invests \$125 million annually into Vermont's child care sector. This investment will:

- **Give as many as 7000 additional families access to help paying for child care;**
- bolster child care programs' capacity to create and sustain more child care slots, improving access;
- and provide better compensation and professional support for early childhood educators, improving programs' overall quality.

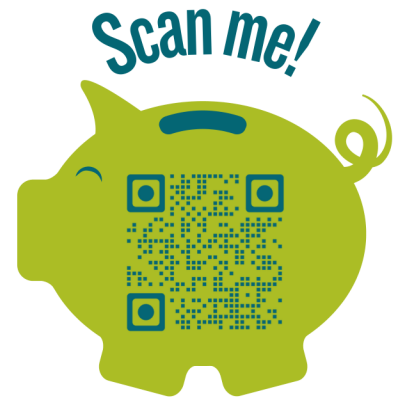
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What does my family need to know about Act 76?

Child care will become more affordable for more Vermont families.

Act 76 expands eligibility for child care tuition assistance, helping thousands more Vermont families pay for child care by October 2024. More families will qualify for 100% tuition assistance too! Scan the piggy bank to learn more about child care tuition assistance!



Vermont child care programs will improve quality and access.

Increased state funding from Act 76 has already started flowing to both home- and center-based child care programs. This allows programs to expand, make facility updates, buy better program materials, increase staff compensation, and more!



Better support for children with special needs.

Act 76 addresses gaps in support for children in child care with special needs. It directs the state to improve the funding process for accommodations — such as providing a one-on-one aide or specific equipment. Scan the QR code for help finding child care or applying for tuition assistance.

