

Result #4 - Vermont invests in prevention and plans for the future success of children.

Strategy	Action Step	Accomplishments
1) Develop an intentional approach to guide Vermont's current and future early childhood expenditures	a) Create an early childhood finance and investment plan (see Appendix A for details)	Blue Ribbon Commission followed by the Build our Future Appreciative Inquiry process
2) Promote sustainable business models	a) Encourage shared services alliances	Vermont Birth to Five regional pilots and statewide website
	b) Research other approaches that could reduce costs in early learning and development programs without sacrificing quality or resulting in a cost-shift to families or programs/personnel	VT Community Loan Fund Early Learning and Development Committee research
3) Increase the early childhood focus in health care payment reform efforts	a) Ensure representation of early childhood health representatives (policy and provider) in policy conversations related to health care reform	The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children efforts
	b) Explore financing options for early childhood in health care reform (see Appendix A for details)	The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children efforts
4) Balance resources for treatment with resources for prevention at the whole-population level, with a focus on children and families	a) Encourage re-investment of savings in prevention while preserving access to treatment for children and families	Building Flourishing Communities efforts to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Hospital surplus to early childhood
	b) Encourage public and private investments in prevention and promotion of healthy development	The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children efforts VT Business Roundtable Research & Education Foundation report <i>Vermont's Early Care and Learning Dividend (2017)</i>

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5) Increase public awareness about the importance for Vermont's of investing in children's early years ³³	a) Launch a statewide public awareness campaign in coordination with state and local partners	Let's Grow Kids (launched spring 2014)
	b) Develop capacity beyond traditional early childhood stakeholders to advocate on behalf of young children and their families	Early Childhood Leadership Institute VT Business Roundtable Pre-K, child care, and home visiting efforts VT Business Roundtable Research & Education Foundation report Vermont's Early Care and Learning Dividend (2017) Early Childhood Business Council
	c) Create an ongoing mechanism to serve as a sustainable vehicle for planning, coordinating, implementing and soliciting feedback on public engagement efforts	Let's Grow Kids