



Building Bright Futures
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BBF Families & Communities Committee

Tuesday, April 11th @ 8:00-9:00pm

Families and communities play a leading role in children's well-being

Facilitators: Jen Fortman, Sarah Morrison

Note Taker: Anna Brouillette

Parents/Caregivers: Korinne Harvey, Zeinab Bulle

Organization Representatives: Anna Brouillette (BBF)

(5 participants/ 4 parents and 1 agencies represented)

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item
8:00-8:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introductions & Welcome question: What are you most excited about now that it's spring?- Just went to my public preschool's open house. Only 9 spots. Lottery for them - no guarantee that siblings will get slots. "All of my lived experience has just brought me to this place where I feel like I need to share my voice."
8:15-8:50	<p>Family Needs Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Briefly review final Policy Considerations and discuss soon-to-be released report● 1st policy consideration really resonates● happy with changes made in 2nd and 3rd consideration<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Transitions - community-building aspect of school lost during covid. This can be really hard on families - even if transition to kindergarten goes smoothly for child.● 4th policy consideration was the most substantially edited<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Really appreciate these changes○ They resonate based on last week's conversation, are more straightforward <p>Family Needs Assessment Briefing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are planning a briefing in mid-May on the findings and policy considerations related to the FNA• Let us know if you'd like to help present or plan the briefing, different roles and responsibilities available depending on your interest
8:50-9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fill out hour submission form• Open to the floor for members to share

Committee Documents:

- Membership Form: <https://forms.gle/X2GC2qLTXnbKxqY79>
- Parent Hour Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/hAp7unyA36D4Hu8PA>

Building Bright Futures News & External Links:

- BBF Facebook page - follow to keep up to date with upcoming events & shared resources
 - <https://www.facebook.com/BuildingBrightFutures>
- Learn more about the \$23 million federally funded Pre-School Development Grant (PDG) that Building Bright Futures received. <https://buildingbrightfutures.org/pdg>
 - Watch the webinar recording: <https://youtu.be/miXPLtfiOaU>
- Recording of the latest State Advisory Council Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ie9lady7yg>
- Recording of the State of Vermont's Children's Report: 2022 in Review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vsagm4ZnikE>
 - Link to the Report Document: <https://buildingbrightfutures.org/state-of-vermonts-children/>
- Recording of the BBF Regional Council Meeting from December 2022: https://youtu.be/u8zTCdedq_0

Community Resources & News:

- Vermont Family Network webinar recording: "[Finding a Summer Camp: There is a camp in New England for every camper!](#)"
 - <https://campfindervt.com/> - another great resource for camps
- [Family Support Programs](#)

Upcoming Regional Council meetings:

Region	Meeting time/month	Time	Zoom link	Facilitator/ Regional Manager
Addison	2nd Friday	10:30am-12pm	Link	Darla Senecal
Bennington	2nd wednesday	11am-12:30pm	Link	Darla Senecal
Caledonia & So. Essex	3rd Monday	1-2pm	Link	Linda Michniewicz
Central VT / Washington	2nd Friday	9-10am	Link	Ali Dieng
Chittenden	1st Thursday	2-3:30pm	Link	Ali Dieng
Franklin Grand Isle	3rd Thursday	1-2:30pm	Link	Ali Dieng
Lamoille Valley	2nd Tuesday	4-5pm	Link	Linda Michniewicz
No. Windsor & Orange	1st Wednesday	1:30-2:30 pm	Link	Courtney Hillhouse
Orleans & No. Essex	1st Monday	1-2pm	Link	Linda Michniewicz
Rutland	3rd Thursday	10:30am-12pm	Link	Darla Senecal
Southeast VT	2nd Wednesday	4-5pm	Link	Courtney Hillhouse
Springfield Area	1st Wednesday	9-10am	Link	Courtney Hillhouse

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