BBF Families & Communities Committee  
*Tuesday, June 13th @ 8:00-9:00pm*  
*Families and communities play a leading role in children’s well-being*

**Facilitators:** Sarah Morrison  
**Note Taker:** Tanya LaChapelle  
**Parents/Caregivers:** Sarah Morrison, Korinne Harvey  
**Organization Representatives:** Tanya LaChapelle, Courtney Hillhouse (BBF), Libby Daghlian (BBF)

(5 participants/ 2 parents and 1 agencies represented)

**Agenda:**

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<td>8:00-8:15</td>
<td>• Introductions &amp; Welcome question: <em>What are you most excited about for summer?</em></td>
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| 8:15-8:40| **BBF Network Updates**  
• Jen Fortman and Anna Brouillette are attending the annual Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems annual grant meeting (VIP-3 Grant) in D.C. The Family Needs Assessment and Regional Council Priorities will be shared with the Federal Delegation.  
• Regional Council Priority Setting Overview: Regional council priorities are set through collaborative input process. Priorities guide the work in the upcoming year, are not all inclusive of what councils will work on, elevate or discuss in meetings.  
  ○ [2023 Regional Council Priority Map](#)  
• State Advisory Council: Libby Daghlian joins us to share an overview of her role as a parent representative on the committee.  
  ○ [BBF State Advisory Council Webpage](#)  
  ○ [SAC Policy Recommendations](#)  
• VECAP Summit Recap: Similar to regional council priority setting process. It is an opportunity to think about progress in the past year and highlight priorities for the upcoming year.  
  ○ [2022 VECAP Summit Recording](#)  
• Family Needs Assessment Briefing was a success! The policy considerations will help us going forward to inform our own policy recommendations, etc. |
Discussion:
Much appreciation for each of you/us being a parent advocate. Reassuring to have a venue to come out of parent isolation and be able to connect with other families and see that family needs are similar across communities, such as food access. Rich discussion about the importance of being a connected parent and we asked how do we keep reaching parents? How do parents learn about the services and supports that are out there? So much depends on a “lucky” connection. Thank you to Korinne Harvey for her attendance at a regional council meeting! Parent voices are valuable at council tables, it informs, motivates and energizes group members. Looking forward to Jen Fortman sharing the details of the trip to DC.

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| 8:40-8:50   | - How are you? How are you feeling about summer?  
- Do you have any plans you are excited about? Nervous about?  
- How does school being out affect your families’ schedule and work/life arrangements?                                                                                           |
| 8:50-9:00   | - Upcoming meetings schedule -  
  ○ Evening only meeting in July. Tuesday July 11th 8-9pm  
  ○ Daytime only meeting in August. Thursday, August 4th 10-11:30am  
- Fill out hour submission form  
- Fill out the Advocacy Training survey, enter responses by Wednesday, 6/21  
- Open to the floor for members to share |

Committee Documents:
- Membership Form: [https://forms.gle/X2GC2qLTXnbKxqY79](https://forms.gle/X2GC2qLTXnbKxqY79)
- Parent Hour Submission Form: [https://forms.gle/hAp7unyA36D4Hu8PA](https://forms.gle/hAp7unyA36D4Hu8PA)
- Watch the 2022 Family Needs Assessment Briefing! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2jqE_NhUNo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2jqE_NhUNo)
  - 2022 Family Needs Assessment Report & Summaries

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](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](https://buildingbrightfutures.org/pdg)
  - Watch the webinar recording: [https://youtu.be/miXPLtfiOaU](https://youtu.be/miXPLtfiOaU)
- Recording of BBF’s VECAP Summit: [https://youtu.be/LW7DxrHHomY](https://youtu.be/LW7DxrHHomY)
- Recording of the State of Vermont's Children's Report: 2022 in Review: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vsagm4ZnikE](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 Summit 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
- The Vermont Creemee Database - Best Creemee in the State!
- Fair & Field Day 2023 Summer Schedule
- AllTrails "2023 Kid Friendly Trails in Vermont"
- Find and Go Seek
- Find your local Farmer’s Market: NOFA-VT Farmers Market List
- SevenDays Family Fun Schedule: Family Fun Events
Upcoming Regional Council meetings:

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