



**State Advisory Council and
Vermont's Early Childhood Action Plan Summit**
Monday, May 20, 2024 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. |
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Desired Outcomes:

- Rededicate our commitment to the vision and priorities set forth in [Vermont's Early Childhood Action Plan](#) (VECAP)
- Learn about our commitment to equity as we prepare to update the VECAP for 2026-2030
- Celebrate progress and evaluate strategy for the coming year to reach the goals in the VECAP through facilitated small groups
- Build alignment and collaboration across the BBF Network (State Advisory Council, VECAP Committees, and Regional Councils)

Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:15	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome & Opening Remarks ● Mindful Moment: Visualization of a Vermont Child Born in 2026 (written in 2020) ● Introductions by BBF Network participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Councils ○ VECAP Committees (Child Outcomes Accountability Team, Families and Communities, Early Learning and Development, Professional Preparation and Development, Data and Evaluation, and Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Team) ○ State Advisory Council ○ Building Bright Futures Team ○ The Creative Discourse Group
1:15 – 2:05	<p>Monitor progress and evaluate strategy toward Vermont's Early Childhood Action Plan goals and objectives</p> <p>The VECAP outlines a cohesive vision by the year 2026 and establishes shared accountability to achieve statewide priorities for children and families from the prenatal period through age 8. We will rededicate our commitment to the vision and priorities set forth in the VECAP, then break into small groups to celebrate progress, strategize on upcoming priorities, and discuss needs for policy change.</p> <p>Small groups will focus on the following VECAP objectives through a facilitated discussion. Topics have been chosen based on areas of the early childhood system where we are lacking data on progress and priorities and hope to collect input during these small groups.</p>

		<p>Group 1 - Screening to increase access Expand screening for perinatal mental health, food, and housing security in medical and early care/education settings to increase access to physical and mental health supports and services that children and families need. (Goal 1, Objective 1.1)</p> <p>Group 2 - Education transitions Create equitable access to early childhood and elementary education by improving transitions between programs, services, and education. (Goal 1, Objective 1.3)</p> <p>Group 3 - School-based mental and physical health service Ensure children and families have access to the developmental services and resources they need through expansion of school-based mental and physical health services. (Goal 1, Objective 1.3)</p> <p>Group 4 - Family-friendly policies Support parents and caregivers to build connection in a child’s early years through the promotion of family-friendly policies (such as paid parental leave, infant at work policies, and parental/family leave insurance programs to all families with a newborn or newly adopted child). (Goal 2, Objective 2.1)</p> <p>Group 5 - Equitable access for vulnerable populations Identify and address achievement gaps to provide equitable access and outcomes for children from vulnerable populations. (Goal 3, Objective 3.3)</p> <p>Group 6 - Workforce data Seek to understand workforce trends, needs, compensation, and benefits through expanded funding, development and implementation of workforce data collection, evaluation, and report dissemination. (Goal 3, Objective 3.5)</p> <p>Group 7 - Promote efficiencies Support families receiving high-quality and timely care by standardizing policies and practices to build a continuum of support across early childhood system sectors (such as universal enrollment forms, comparable standards for professionals across programs, etc.) (Goal 4, Objective 4.1)</p>
2:05-2:30		<p>Discussion on Strategy & Next Steps SAC Discussion on the VECAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What key accomplishments and priorities are you most excited to steward in the next year through your own work?</i>
		Break
2:35 – 3:00		<p>SAC Business Meeting The SAC will gather for a brief business meeting to review and approve March meeting minutes and the BBF FY25 budget.</p>