



Building Bright Futures
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BBF Families & Communities Committee
Thursday, November 3rd @ 10-11:30 am

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

Facilitators: Jen Fortman, Sarah Morrison

Note Taker: Anna Brouillette

Parents/Caregivers: Annemieke Thoolen, Jim Reilly, Jen Fortman, Sarah Morrison, Lexi Duquette, Leigh Jaschke

Organization Representatives: Matthew LeFleur (Volunteer and Alburgh Community Center), Renee Kelly (CDD/Head Start), Anna Brouillette and Courtney Hillhouse (BBF), Sarah Kenney (LGK)

(11 participants/ 6 parents and 4 agencies represented)

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item
10-10:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introductions & Welcome Question: What’s your favorite Halloween candy?
10:25-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sarah Kenney from Let’s Grow Kids (LGK) is joining us to discuss their upcoming policy agenda● Overview of the child care campaign at Let’s Grow Kids<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Road map to 2025<ul style="list-style-type: none">2021 - Passed H.171 with near unanimous support2022 - Implement H.171 & elect child care champions2023 - Pass a revenue bill to transform the child care system2024 - We’ll bring our shared vision to life2025 - your support will help us cross the finish line!● Developing policy agenda currently based on feedback from - BIPOC Vermonters, children with special health care needs/disabilities, all Vermont parents, etc.● How does child care assistance work - reimbursement after the fact?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No, families pay whatever portion that is deemed affordable - their “copay” to the program. The state pays to the program the remainder of the cost of care. Sometimes there is gap for what the

	<p>care actually costs - an extra amount that can be charged to the family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional administrative costs associated with this plan as well ● Where will the funding for these policy changes come from? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RAND Study is currently developing ideas for funding mechanisms/sources ● How do we get more child care programs to open so that there is enough space? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing pay/support for the workforce to recruit more people to the field ● Are we talking about child care and preschool aged children? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0-5 year olds ○ Not talking about specifically expanding the number of hours of universal pre-K - but this would support/wrap-around the existing hours ● Follow-up opportunities and resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Join: https://letsgrowkids.org/join ○ Mobilize: https://www.mobilize.us/vtchildcarecampaign/ ○ sarah@letsgrowkids.org
11-11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Needs Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey was closed on October 15th! ○ 661 survey responses! ○ Discuss presentation techniques once data is analyzed
11:20-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents, please submit hours for the month of October by this weekend ● New hour submission process beginning in December, more detailed information will be emailed and discussed in detail at next month's meeting.

Upcoming Regional Council meetings:

Region	Meeting time/month	Time	Zoom link	Facilitator/ Regional Manager
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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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