



Building Bright Futures
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BBF Families & Communities Committee
Tuesday, November 14th 8:00-9:00pm

VECAP Goal 2: Families and communities play a leading role in children's well-being

By providing parents and caregivers with opportunities to bring forward thoughts and concerns, and to partner in systems conversations and decision-making processes, families become leaders in designing a responsive system that works for them.

Facilitators: Jen Fortman, Sarah Morrison

Note Taker: Tanya LaChapelle

Parents/Caregivers: Amber Hewston, Jen Fortman, Sarah Morrison

Organization Representatives: Jenn Schollmeyer

(5 participants/3 parents and 1 agencies represented)

Meeting Recording: https://youtu.be/E4TH7_fpa88

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item
8:00-8:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introductions and Welcome Question: What is your favorite Thanksgiving meal to either cook or eat?
8:10-8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recap from November Daytime Meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2 representatives from the Paid Leave Coalition joined the daytime meeting to learn more about this initiative visit the website linked below or join an upcoming in-person event:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ VT Paid Leave Coalition■ In Burlington: Join us at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15 at Pizza 44 to get the latest updates on paid leave advocacy and celebrate how far we've come over pizza and pints. RSVP required! <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>■ In Montpelier: Join AARP VT and the VT Paid Leave Coalition at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Montpelier's Three Penny Taproom to get the latest updates on paid leave advocacy and celebrate how far we've come over bites and pints. RSVP today: https://www.mobilize.us/aarpvt/event/591624/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ F&CC Mission Statement Discussion: We continued discussion of updating the committee mission statement to improve the impact, clarity and accessibility of this document. To view the current mission statement visit our webpage: F&CC Website with Mission: If you have further feedback please send ideas to Tanya. Based on feedback we've gathered, a new mission statement will be drafted and brought for comment to future meetings. Thank you for helping us improve our materials! ● Jenn Schollmeyer, BBF Data Manager joins to share and talk about BBF and Act 76 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Act 76 and BBF's role in monitoring ○ At the December daytime meeting Jenn will join us to gather feedback from members about what is most important to monitor in terms of the impact of the law. ○ View the evening presentation here.
8:45-9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming meetingschedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ F&CC December Daytime 12/7/23 ○ F&CC December Evening 12/12/23 ● F&CC Free Parent Training Opportunity: "Increasing Self-Care and Wellness While Parenting" January 11, 2024 from 10am-12pm, contact Tanya if you would like to register. ● 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>
- August Training: Advocacy: Sharing Your Story to Create Change
 - Parent training recorded version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7iPuwc2u6s>
- 2022 Family Needs Assessment:
 - Report: <https://vermontkidsdata.org/2022-family-needs-assessment/>
 - Briefing Recording: [Family Needs Assessment Briefing](#)

Upcoming Learning Opportunities and Events:

- [Let's Grow Kids: Courage in Action Child Care Tour](#)
 - South Burlington, October 25th [Register Here](#)
 - St. Johnsbury, November 2nd [Register Here](#)
 - Stowe, November 7th [Register Here](#)
 - Wilmington, November 14th [Register Here](#)
- Help Me Grow National Forum: <https://helpmegrownational.org/our-affiliate-network/annual-forum/>

Building Bright Futures News & External Links:

- **4th Annual Regional Council Summit - December 12th - 9am-12pm**

- Location: Counseling Service of Addison County, 109 Catamount Park in Middlebury
- Hybrid in-person/virtual event featuring a keynote and Q&A with Dr. Joshua Sparrow, executive director of the [Brazelton Touchpoints Center](#), and a panel discussion with local experts.
- [Register Here](#)
- BBF Facebook page - follow to keep up to date with upcoming events & shared resources
 - <https://www.facebook.com/BuildingBrightFutures>
- To receive the BBF newsletter sign up here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/oucvso3/BBF>
- Recording of the latest State Advisory Council Meeting:
 - [October State Advisory Council Recording](#)
 - State Advisory Council Meetings are open to the public. To receive monthly announcement and registration for State Advisory Council meetings please sign up for the BBF newsletter above.
- Learn more about the \$23 million federally funded Preschool Development Grant (PDG) that Building Bright Futures received. <https://buildingbrightfutures.org/pdg>
 - Watch the webinar recording: <https://youtu.be/miXPLtfiOaU>
- Recording: [The State of Vermonts Children: 2022 Year in Review Briefing](#)
 - Link to the Report Document: <https://buildingbrightfutures.org/state-of-vermonts-children/>
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Community Resources & News:

- **Prevent Child Abuse Vermont** [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	Kelly Hayes
Chittenden	1st Thursday	2-3:30pm	Link	Ali Dieng
Franklin Grand Isle	3rd Thursday	1-2:30pm	Link	Ali Dieng
Lamoille Valley	2nd Tuesday	1-2pm	Link	Kelly Hayes
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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