

Brief Summary: Vermont Programs related to Childcare and Early Childhood Education

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Inventory of Primary Programs

Assistance Programs – Families

- CCFAP – income-based subsidy program. Funded by GF and federal CCDBG funds totaling \$62.75 million.
- Vermont Universal PreK (Act 166). This program 10 hours/week at approved programs. \$60.5 million EF.
- Other State EF: Essential Early Education - PreK special education
- Other Federal: Head Start, Early Head Start, meal assistance

There are also one-time funded capacity and development grant programs available to childcare providers and early education workforce – see slide #8

Tax Expenditures

- Vermont Child Tax Credit – **New** \$1,000/child who is 5 or younger at year end. Credit phases down between \$125k and \$175k. Fully refundable. Est. cost \$32m
- Federal Child and Dependent Tax Credit. Credit for care expenses for a qualifying individual that allow filer to work.
 - Vermont child and dependent tax credit is now 72% of federal credit



Licensed and Registered Childcare Capacity

Types of Providers

- Public PreK Programs— 99
- Licensed Child Care Centers – 314
- Licensed Family Child Care Home – 21 (providers must meet staff/children ratios; can serve more than 10 children)
- Registered Family Child Care Home – 290 (limited to 10 children no more than 6 under 6 years old and 4 school age)
- Head Start Programs – 76 (licensed sites and home-based services)

Statewide Regulated Capacity by Age (Sept 2022)

• Infants	2,914
• Toddlers	3,216
• PreK	10,877
• School Age	<u>11,243</u>
Total	28,250

This is the reported capacity which is typically a bit less than the total licensed capacity. The total reported capacity is 10.8% below the level reported 5 years ago, Geographic capacity match?

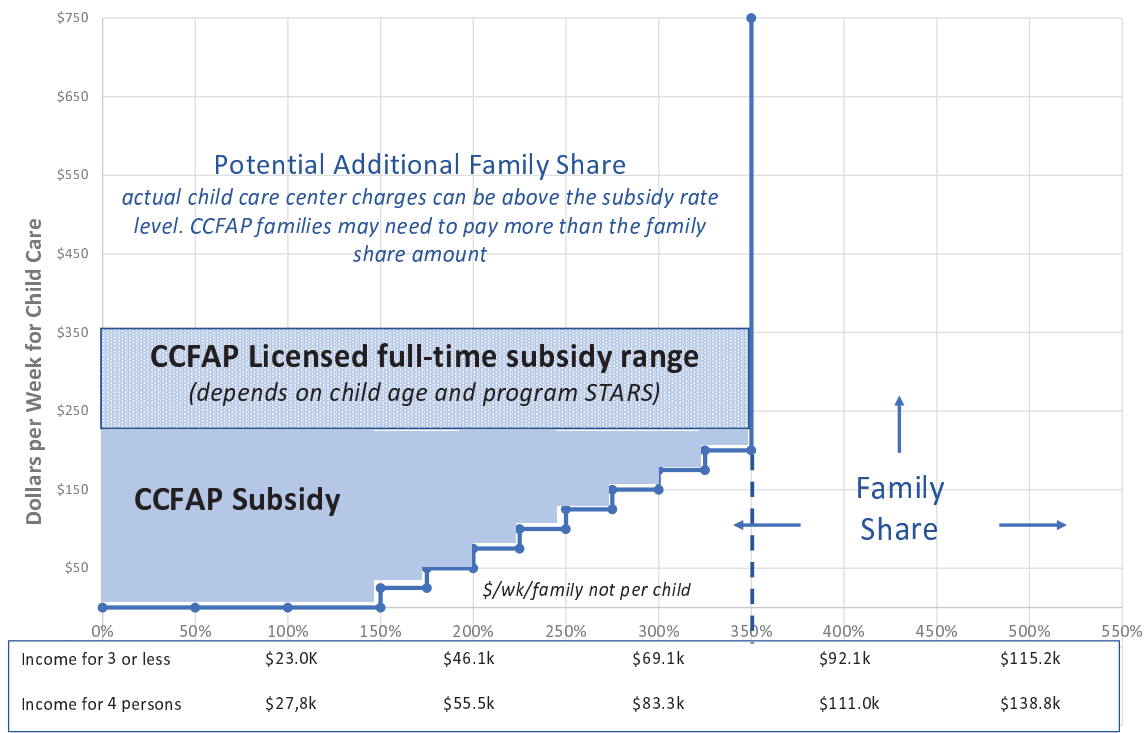


Childcare Care Financial Assistance Program

- CCFAP is administered by the Child Development Division in the Department of Children and Families.
 - This division also regulates and licenses childcare providers in the state
- Provides subsidies to childcare providers up to a set rate (periodic market survey) for eligible children ranging from infancy to age 12.
- Funded by a combination of state General Fund and federal Child Care and Development Block Grant.
- Just under 20% of the children whose care is subsidized by this program are in protective services or have family risk/stress factors



Current CCFAP Model



Child Care Financial Assistance State's Capped Rates

Effective July 3, 2022

The State's capped rates are the maximum amount the State will pay to a child care provider on behalf of a family receiving child care financial assistance. The State will pay the lesser of the two: up to the provider's rate or the State's capped rate. To receive the maximum amount the State pays, a child care provider may need to increase their rates. For more detailed information about payments, which includes examples, please see our [fact sheet](#).

Licensed Care		1 STAR	2 STARS	3 STARS	4 STARS	5 STARS	Registered Home		1 STAR	2 STARS	3 STARS	4 STARS	5 STARS
Infant	Full-Time	\$290	\$297	\$300	\$314	\$349	Infant	Full-Time	\$200	\$203	\$207	\$210	\$225
	Part-Time	\$159	\$163	\$165	\$172	\$191		Part-Time	\$110	\$111	\$113	\$115	\$123
	Extended Time	\$394	\$403	\$408	\$427	\$474		Extended Time	\$272	\$276	\$281	\$288	\$306
Toddler	Full-Time	\$280	\$281	\$289	\$306	\$328	Toddler	Full-Time	\$198	\$200	\$204	\$208	\$211
	Part-Time	\$154	\$156	\$159	\$168	\$180		Part-Time	\$108	\$110	\$112	\$114	\$116
	Extended Time	\$380	\$382	\$393	\$416	\$446		Extended Time	\$269	\$272	\$277	\$285	\$286
Preschool	Full-Time	\$275	\$280	\$288	\$300	\$325	Preschool	Full-Time	\$190	\$195	\$200	\$205	\$210
	Part-Time	\$151	\$154	\$158	\$165	\$178		Part-Time	\$104	\$107	\$110	\$112	\$115
	Extended Time	\$374	\$380	\$391	\$408	\$442		Extended Time	\$258	\$265	\$272	\$278	\$285
School Age	Full-Time	\$225	\$231	\$245	\$250	\$275	School Age	Full-Time	\$185	\$190	\$195	\$198	\$200
	Part-Time	\$123	\$127	\$134	\$137	\$151		Part-Time	\$101	\$104	\$107	\$108	\$110
	Extended Time	\$306	\$314	\$333	\$340	\$374		Extended Time	\$251	\$258	\$265	\$267	\$272

Important Definitions

Authorized Hours of Care:

Full-Time Weekly – 26 to 50 hours a week
 Part-Time Weekly – 1 to 25 hours a week
 Extended Time – more than 50 hours a week

Child's Age

Infant – birth up to 24 months old
 Toddler – 2 up to 3 years old
 Preschool – 3 up to 5 years old
 School Age – 5 up to 12 years old (19 if child has special needs)



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CCFAP Families and Children Served

Utilization of the program: (for the month of Nov 2022)

FPL	Co-Pay	Children	Families
Under 150%	\$0*	4,617	4,173
151-200% FPL	\$25-\$50/wk	492	416
201-250% FPL	\$50-\$100/wk	726	651
251-300% FPL	\$100-\$150/wk	519	412
301-350%FPL	\$150-\$200/wk	386	281
Total		6,740	5,933

*Certain service needs (Family Support, Protective Services, Reach Up, any DCF Adoption Assistance Agreement) are not income-sensitive and may be assigned a \$0 Family Share despite higher income.

There are 1,078 infants and 980 toddlers = 2,058 which is 31% of the 6,740 total subsidized children.
 Subsidized infants use 37% of regulated infant capacity (2,914 slots per slide #3)
 Subsidized toddlers use 30.5% of toddler regulated capacity (3,216 slots per slide #3)



Grant Programs for Providers and Workforce

-Provider Support (non-recurring)

- Federal Consolidated Appropriations Coronavirus Relief and Response – Child Development. Vermont stabilized providers with \$12.3m FF
- ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grant (closed) Federal \$29.3m FF
- 2022 BAA - Child Care Workforce Retention Bonus Program - **\$7m GF**
- ARPA Discretionary Funds \$18.3m FF
 - Child Care & Afterschool Capacity Building - \$5.4m
 - Special Accommodation Grants - \$1m
 - Quality Coaches - \$2.5m
 - Business/Technical Assistance/Admin - \$1.64m
 - Workforce investments/support \$7.8m

Workforce Detail \$7.8m

- College Tuition Assistance Grant \$2.1m
 - VT AEYC T.E.A.C.H. Program (Scholarships for Current Early Childhood Providers \$900k
 - VSAC Scholarships for Prospective Early Childhood Providers –\$1.2m
- VT AEYC Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$5.4m
- DOL Pre-Apprenticeship Program \$300k

Emergency relief capacity is also included in the annual base funding total for the CCFAP program



Universal PreK (UPK) Overview

Act 166 of 2014

- Established the current Universal PreK (UPK) program
- 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds not enrolled in Kindergarten can receive up to 10 hours of high quality PreK programming for 35 weeks per academic year
 - Hours over 10 are the responsibility of the child's family
 - Could be paid for with CCFAP
- Vermont is one of three states (FL, OK, and DC) that offer universal pre-k, with eligibility based on age only
- Parents can enroll their child in a private or public program (or both)



Universal PreK Funding – Private Program

- The cost of UPK is publicly funded through resident school districts budgets
 - If a parent enrolls their child in a PreK program operated by a prequalified public or private program that isn't operated by the resident school district, the law specifics the tuition for the first 10 hours of pre-k.
 - 2022/2023 school year PreK tuition - \$3,656
 - 2023/2024 school year PreK tuition - \$3,764
- FY 2022 tuition payments to private programs = \$12.1 million



Universal PreK Funding

- The cost of UPK is publicly funded through resident school districts budgets
 - If a parent enrolls their child in a PreK program operated by the school district where they live, the cost of the program is paid for through the voter-approved budget
 - Districts offer a variety of different local programs – some schools run part-time programs, others full-day.
 - Spending by district varies as a result



Universal PreK Spending and Enrollment

- Number of students = 7,541 in 2022 (reported capacity 10,877)
- Average overall spending FY 2020 – FY 2022 = \$60.5 million/yr
- Average per pupil spending = \$10,123 in FY22

