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Supporting Vermont's Parent Child Centers
through **leadership, advocacy** and **collaboration**
with key partners to achieve the best outcomes
for families.

Parent Child Center Network FY2025 Integrated Grant Request

**Increase base funding by \$721,945 to cover health insurance
cost increases and support PCCN infrastructure**

With the passage of Act 150 in 2022, the Parent Child Center Network of providers was recognized and codified as a partner working with the State to provide these services and supports. This strong statute has facilitated the strengthening of the State-PCCN partnership and the PCCN has been working to ensure the Network and each PCC can meet the requirements outlined in the statute.

PCCs are service hubs for families with young children – an actual place in the local community where families are always welcome and can always get the support they need, regardless of economic status or family status.

Ongoing Challenges – Significant Health Insurance Cost Increases

The legislature supported an increase in base funding for FY2024 for the PCCs Integrated Grant, which is spread across the 15 Parent Child Centers to deliver services to all families with young children in Vermont. This increase has been applied directly to staff compensation in order to address the gap we have had between our compensation packages and market rates. These changes were welcomed by our staff! However, almost immediately we learned of the 12% increase for health insurance rates. **We are asking for an increase of \$721,945 to directly address these increased costs so that we do not have to dial back these new benefits for our staff.**

Parent Child Center Network Infrastructure

Act 150 appropriately gives more responsibility for accountability to the Parent Child Center Network. We have been working diligently to implement all of the requirements of Act 150 (see our annual report). In order to ensure we can meet the requirements, we have some needs at the Network level, and **respectfully request the ability to use up to 5% of the Integrated Grant (Dept ID 603650) for administrative expenses. In order to make sure we don't reduce the PCC grants, we request an increase of \$721,945 to cover this expense.**

We believe we would also need language added into the PCCN Statute allowing for this administrative expense to be utilized in the future.

The support of the legislature has been critical to the strengthening of the Parent Child Center Network, thus giving the PCCs the ability to ensure consistent, high-quality, family focused services across the state.

Thank you so much!

