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CHILD CARE IS THE LINCHPIN

When it comes to the well-being and prosperity of Vermont's children, families, communities and economy, high-quality, affordable child care is a linchpin.

VERMONT HAS A CHILD CARE CHALLENGE

Lack of access to high-quality, affordable child care forces families to make tough choices.



FAMILIES FACE TOUGH CHOICES



When working parents can't find child care, the businesses that employ them suffer, too.

Research shows that in a six-month period:

- ▶ 45% of parents are absent from work at least once due to child care issues, missing an average of 4.3 days.
- ▶ 65% of parents' work schedules are affected by child care challenges an average of 7.5 times.

These challenges cost U.S. employers an estimated \$4.4 billion annually.

REAL VERMONTERS SPEAK OUT

SANDY

Grandparent

**Lyndonville
2/1/16**

CHALLENGES FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

On average, Vermont child care workers earn \$11.95 an hour. That's less than Vermont's livable wage of \$13.00 an hour.

REAL VERMONTERS SPEAK OUT

LYDIA

Child Care Provider

**Shelburne
7/19/15**

Too many Vermont children don't have access to high-quality, affordable child care.



STALLED at the START

ACCESS

AFFORDABILITY

QUALITY



CHILD CARE SUPPLY AND DEMAND WORK GROUP

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THE DEMAND: LIKELY TO NEED CARE

Determining the Demand for Child Care in Vermont



Infants: 6 weeks to 23 months



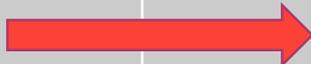
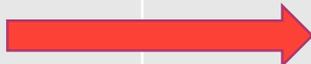
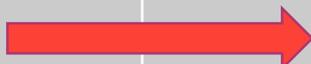
Toddlers: 24 months to 35 months

THE DEMAND: LIKELY TO NEED CARE

Determining the Demand for Child Care in Vermont

- Calculated infant and toddler population based on the Vermont Department of Health's population estimates by age and by county
- Determined the **likely to need care population** based information on the percentage of Vermont children with all available parents in the labor force
 - Statewide, 70.4% of Vermont children under the age of six have all parents in the labor force

THE DEMAND: LIKELY TO NEED CARE

Age Group	Total Estimated Population for Age Group	Number of Children Likely to Need Care by Age Group
 Infants & Toddlers	18,247	 12,846
 Infants	12,076	 8,502
 Toddlers	6,171	 4,344

THE SUPPLY: REGULATED CHILD CARE

Determining the Supply of Child Care in Vermont

- Used information on the **reported desired capacity** of regulated (licensed and registered) early childhood care and learning programs
 - Reported desired capacity is the number of slots a provider offers (desires) for each age group
 - This is different than a provider's **licensed capacity**, which is the maximum number of children a provider can care for
- Supply data came from the Vermont Department for Children and Families Child Development Division (CDD)

THE SUPPLY: UNDERSTANDING QUALITY

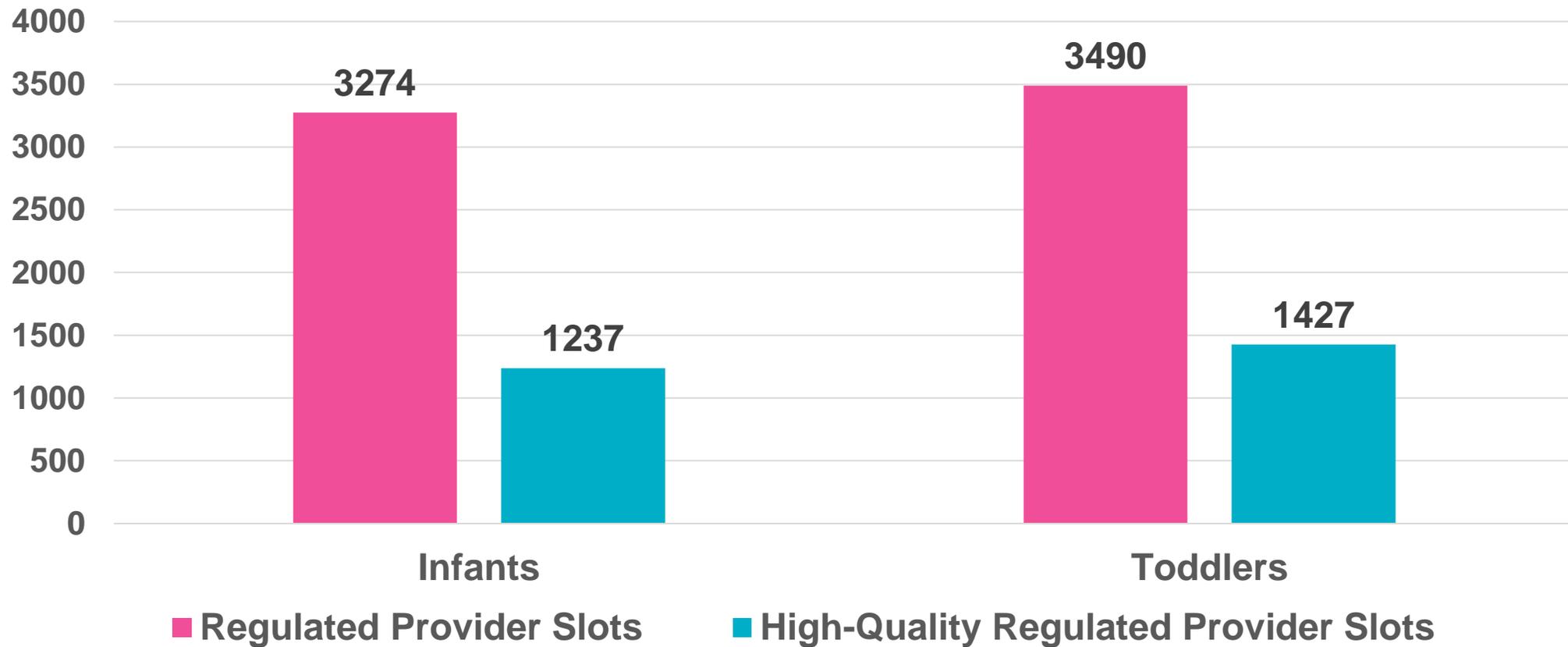
The Best Available Data: STARS

STARS (**ST**ep **A**head **R**ecognition **S**ystem) is Vermont's quality recognition and improvement system (QRIS) for early care and learning programs.

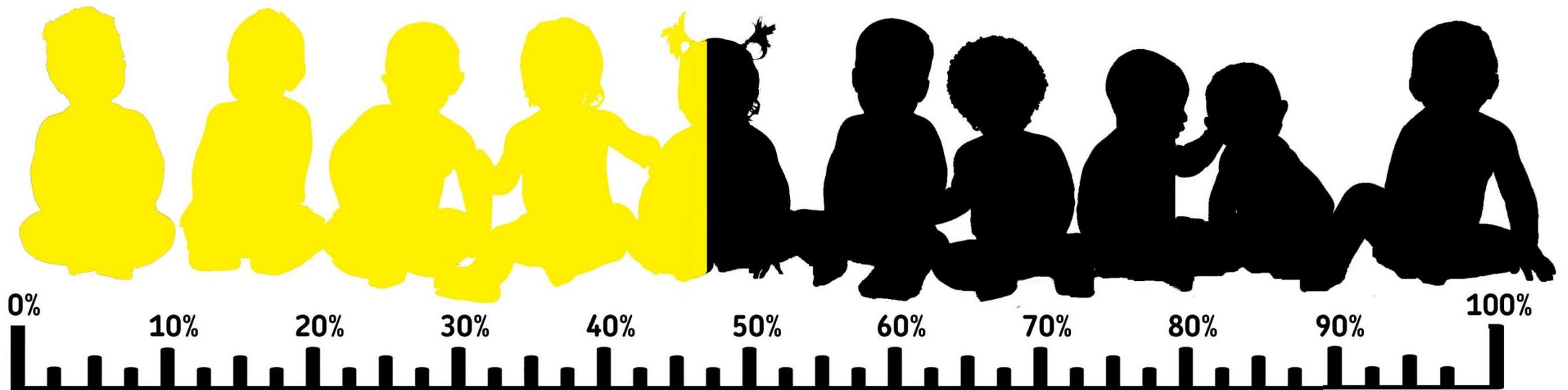
- Vermont is one of 39 states plus the District of Columbia that uses a QRIS. QRIS are considered a best practice.
- STARS is a voluntary program. Participating programs receive a quality recognition designation of 1 to 5 stars (5 stars being the highest quality recognition level); high-quality defined as 4 and 5 stars.
- Programs that participate in STARS are “stepping ahead,” going above and beyond basic state regulations.

THE SUPPLY: REGULATED CHILD CARE

Vermont Regulated Early Care and Learning Provider's Reported Desired Capacity By Age Group

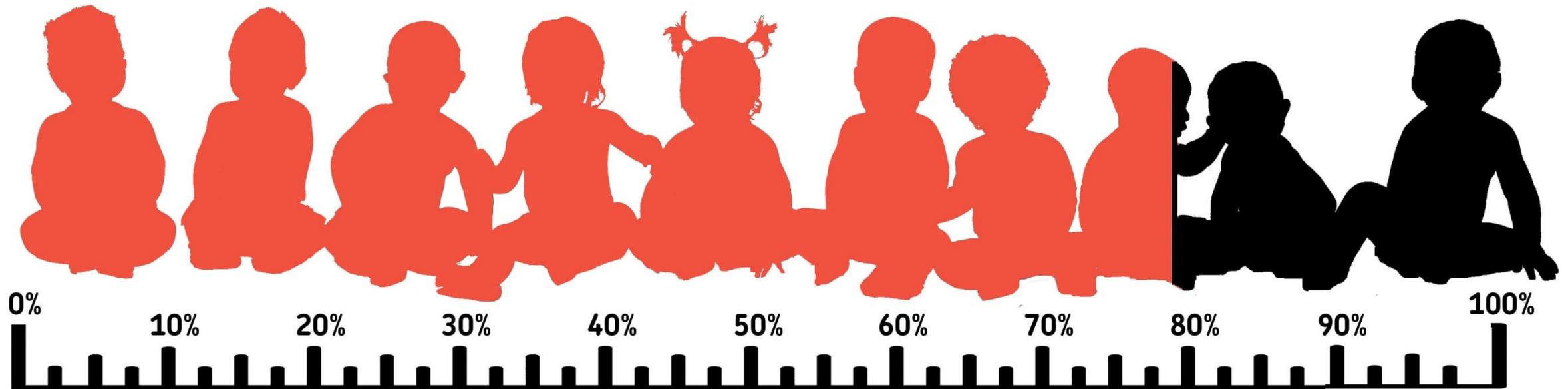


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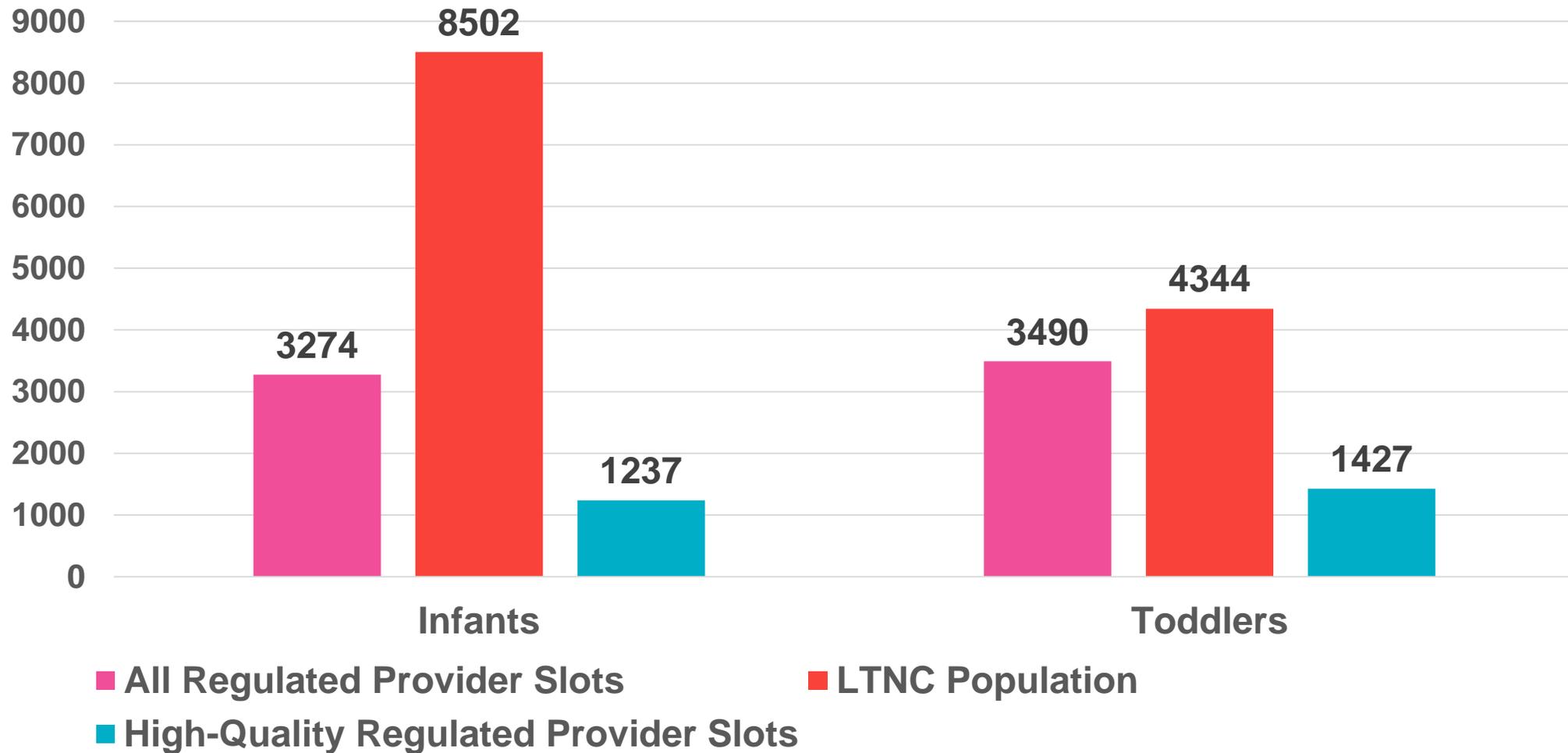
47% of Vermont Infants & Toddlers LTNC Don't Have Access to Regulated Child Care

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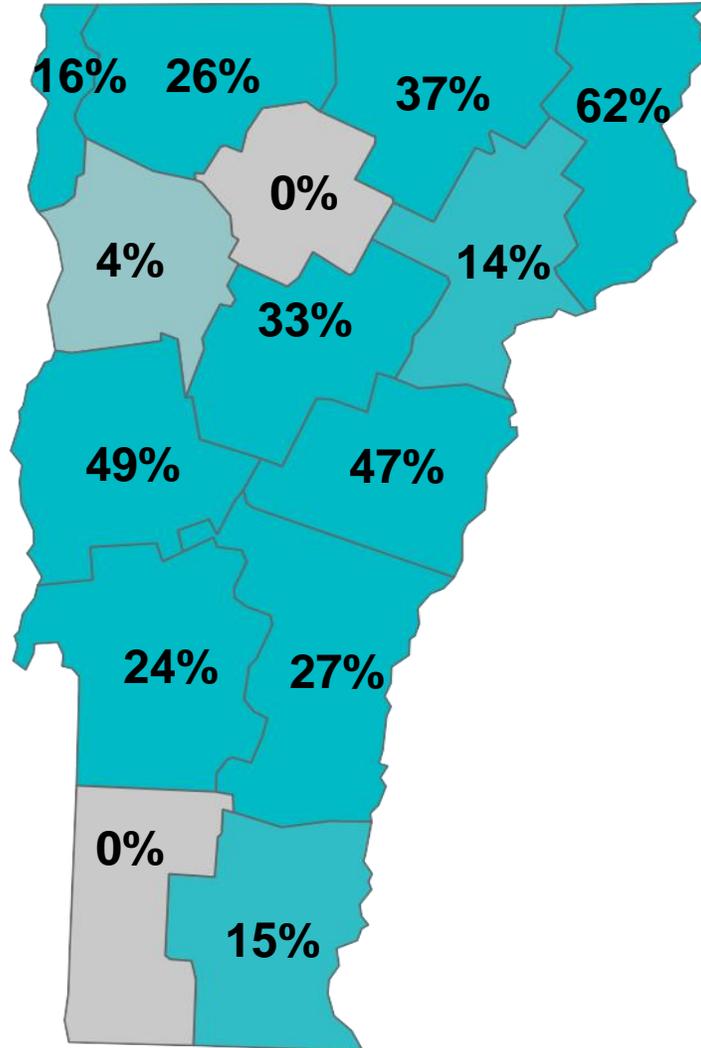
79% of Vermont Infants & Toddlers LTNC Don't Have Access to High-Quality Child Care

WHAT WE LEARNED: SUPPLY vs DEMAND

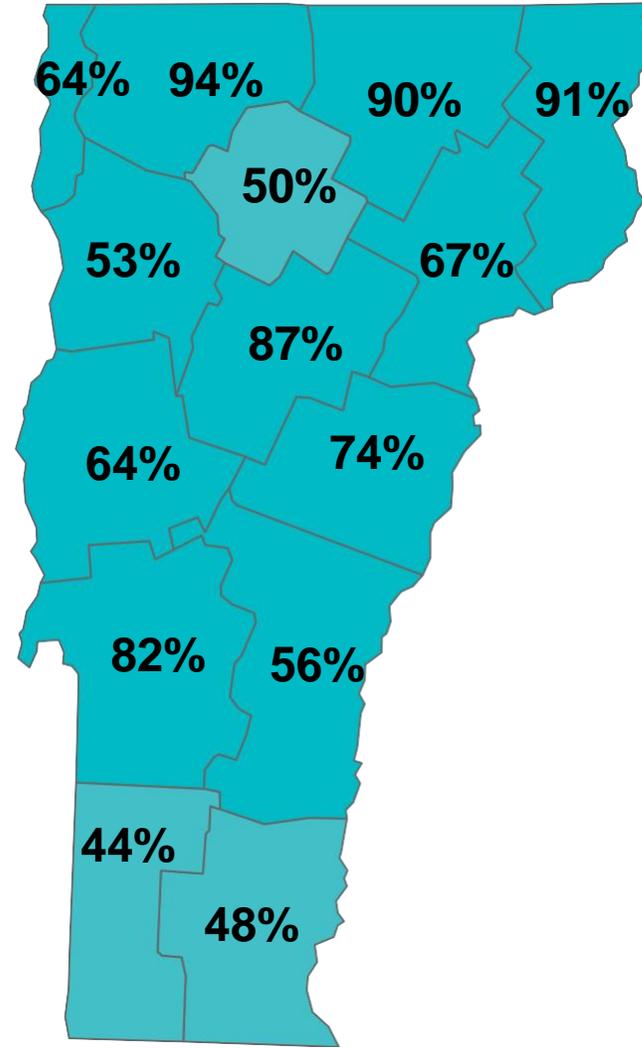


WHAT WE LEARNED: TODDLER COUNTY-LEVEL ANALYSIS

Percent of Toddlers LTNC Without Access to Regulated Programs

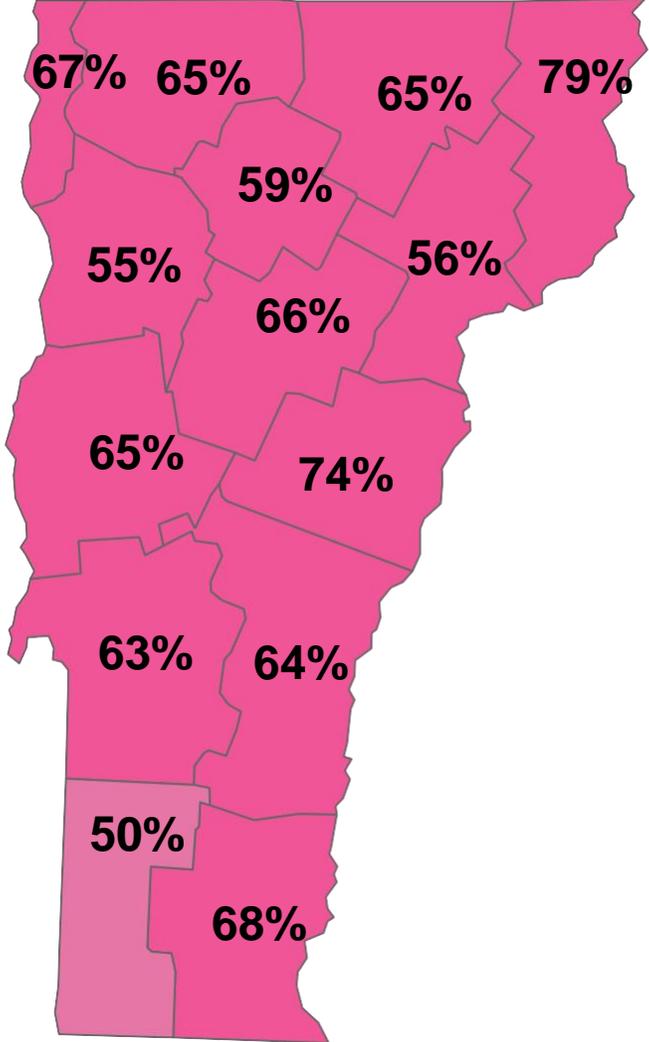


Percent of Toddlers LTNC Without Access to High-Quality Regulated Programs

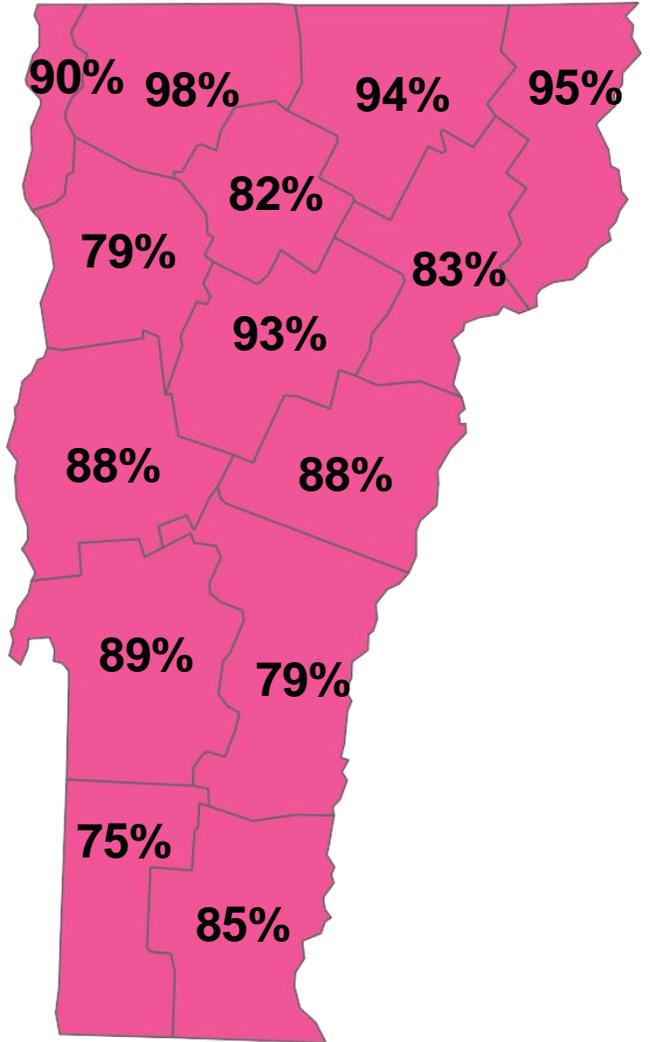


WHAT WE LEARNED: INFANT COUNTY-LEVEL ANALYSIS

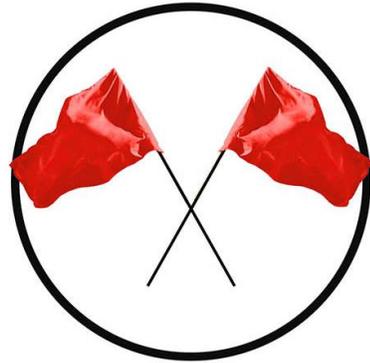
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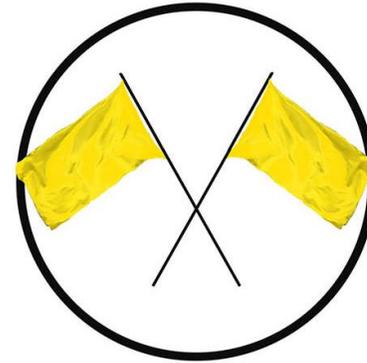
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WHAT WE LEARNED: MEASURING PROGRESS



Stalled at the Start
51-100%



Hazard
16-50%



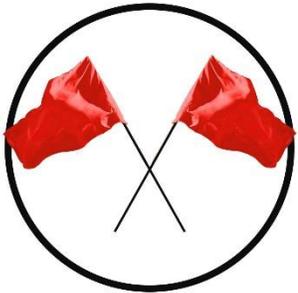
Final Lap
1-15%



Win for Kids!
<1 - 0%

COUNTY-LEVEL ACCESS STATUS: **ADDISON**

Any Regulated Care

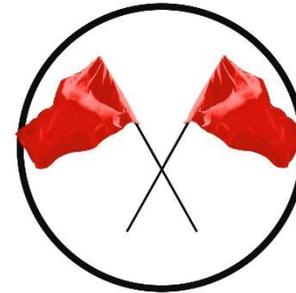


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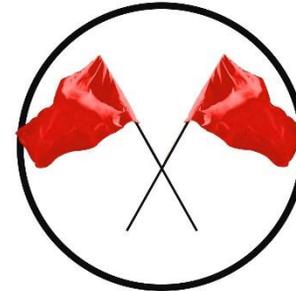


Toddlers LTNC without access

High-Quality Care



Infants LTNC without access



Toddlers LTNC without access

WHERE TO FIND THIS INFORMATION

Let's Grow Kids Website letsgrowkids.org



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More than half of infants and toddlers likely to need child care in Vermont do not have access to high quality, affordable programs.
Sign the Pledge to support a strong start for all Vermont children.

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THE CAMPAIGN

Vermont Insights a Project of Building Bright Futures vermontinsights.org



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EARLY CHILDHOOD QUESTIONS

Learn about the essential questions stakeholders are asking in the area of early childhood and how Vermont Insights is helping to answer those questions with data.

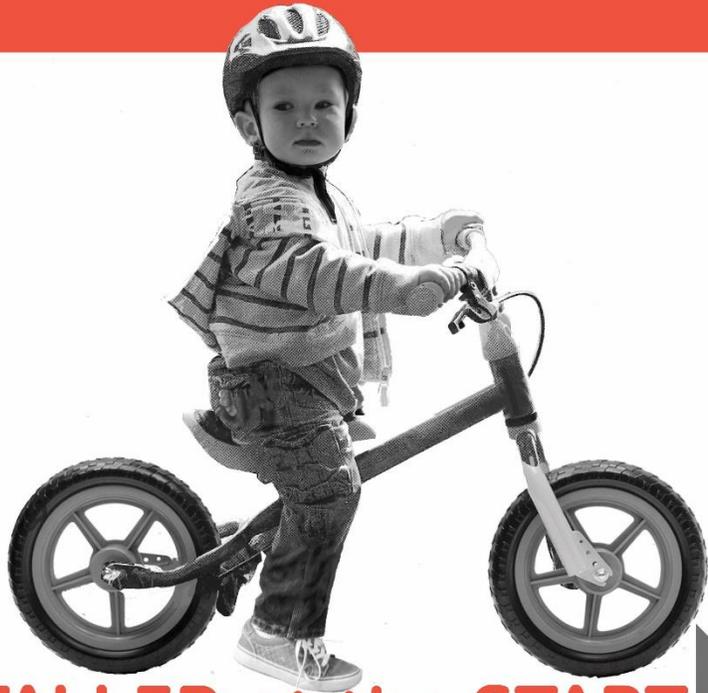
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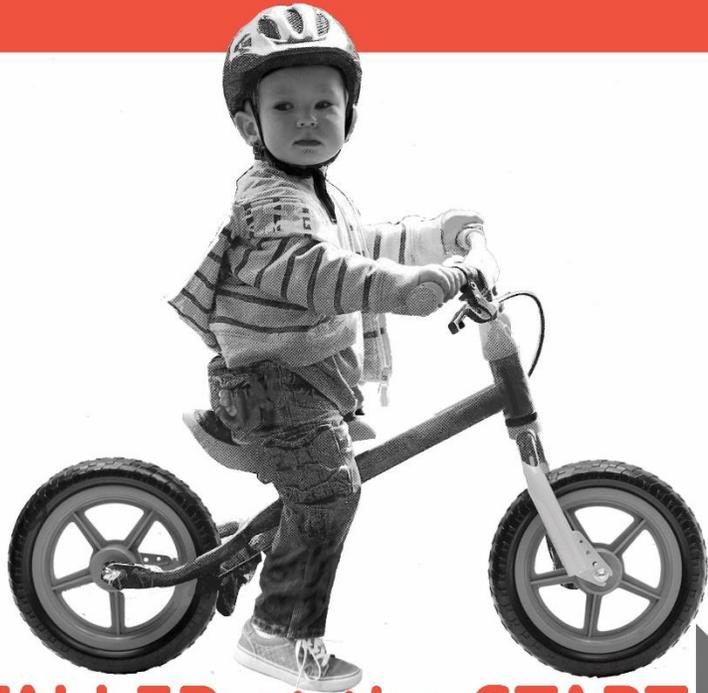
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Thank You!



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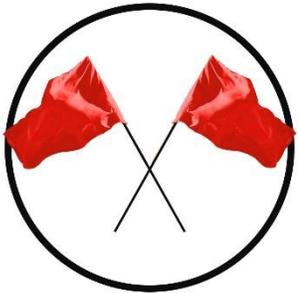
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County Profile Addendum

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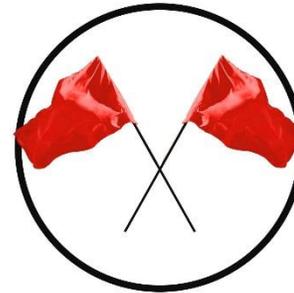


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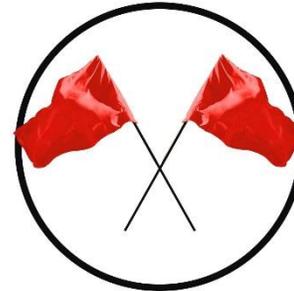


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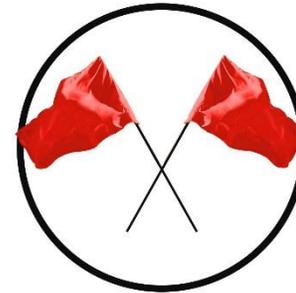


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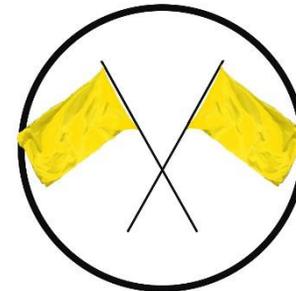


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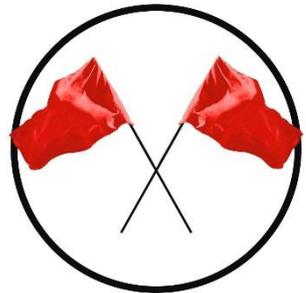
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COUNTY-LEVEL ACCESS STATUS: CALEDONIA

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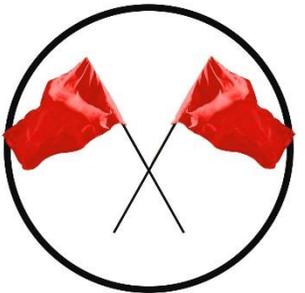


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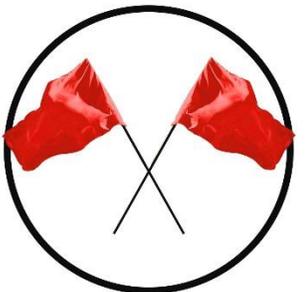


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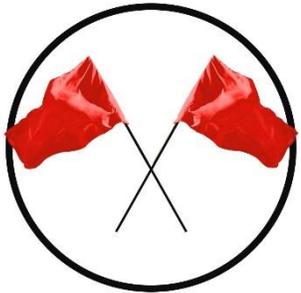
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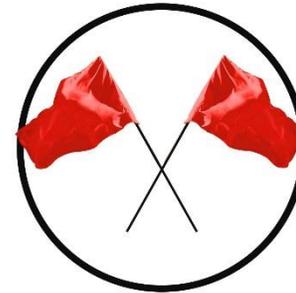


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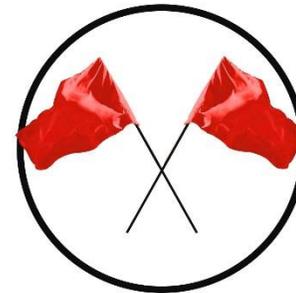


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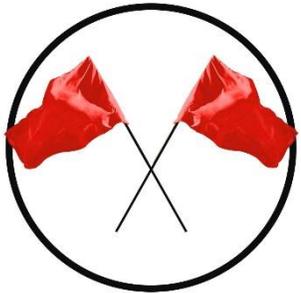
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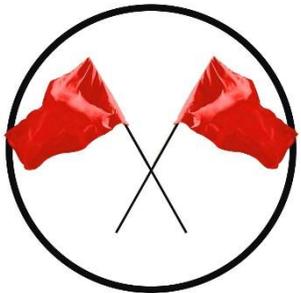
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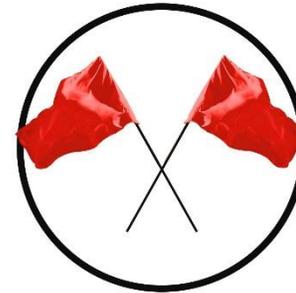


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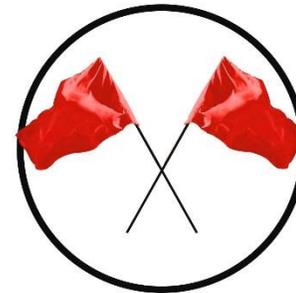


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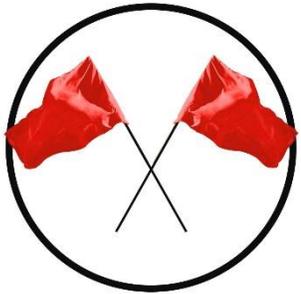
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COUNTY-LEVEL ACCESS STATUS: **FRANKLIN**

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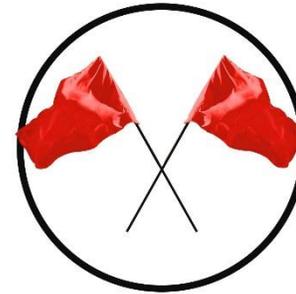


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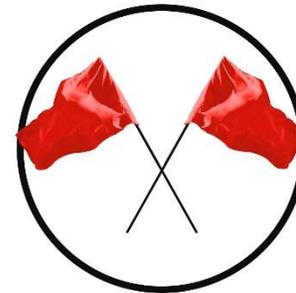


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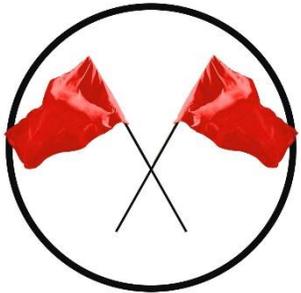
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COUNTY-LEVEL ACCESS STATUS: GRAND ISLE

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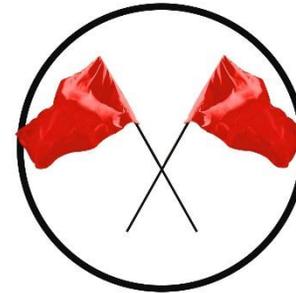


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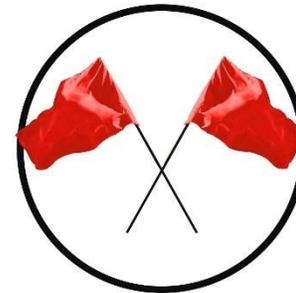


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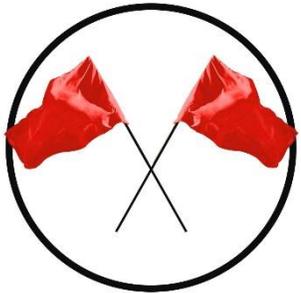
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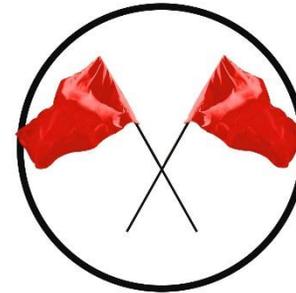


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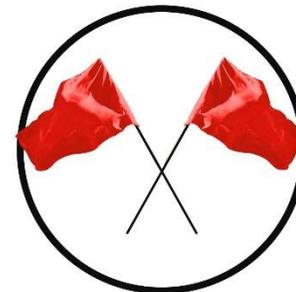


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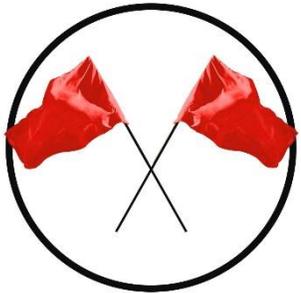
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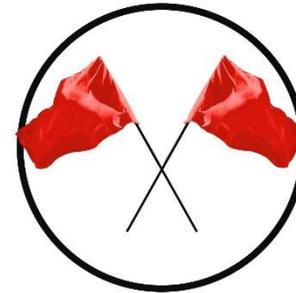


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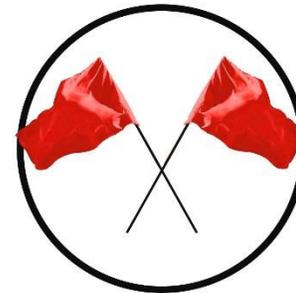


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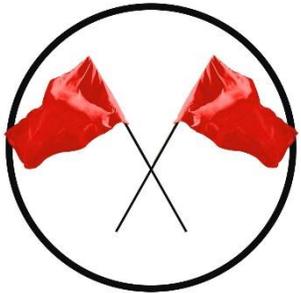
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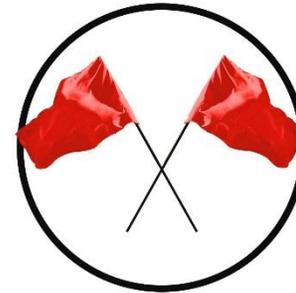


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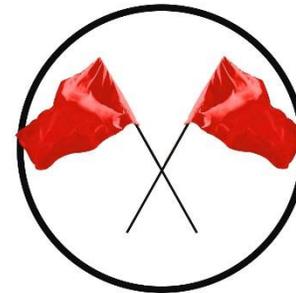


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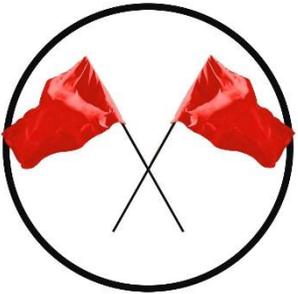
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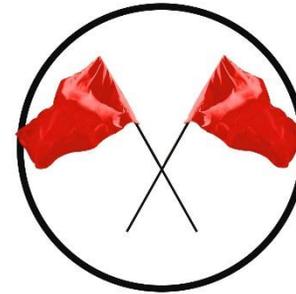


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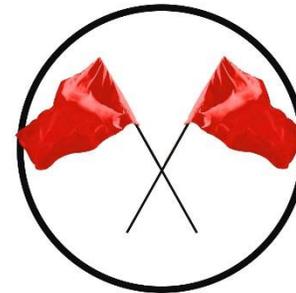


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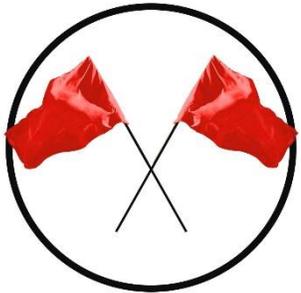
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COUNTY-LEVEL ACCESS STATUS: **WINDHAM**

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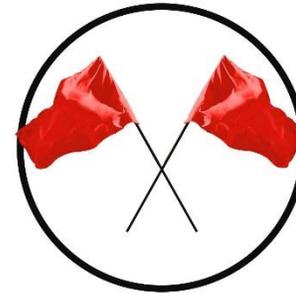


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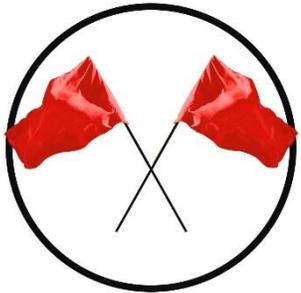
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COUNTY-LEVEL ACCESS STATUS: WINDSOR

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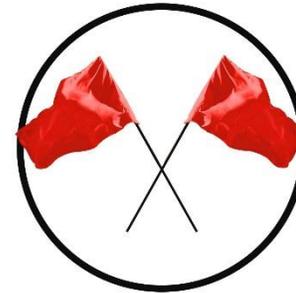


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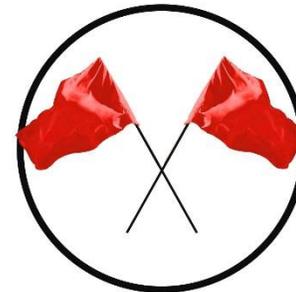


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