

# Fast Facts - VT Early Childhood Initiatives

**All initiatives listed in the chart below address VT's Early Childhood Framework and Action Plan Goal #3:  
All children and families have access to high-quality opportunities that meet their needs.**

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Name of Program	Early Learning Challenge - Race to the Top grant	Act 166	Preschool Expansion grant	Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Early Head Start Expansion Awards
<b>Who is the target of services?</b>	Vermont children prenatal to third grade and their families	Vermont's three and four year olds, and five year olds not yet kindergarten	Vermont's four year olds from low and moderate income families	Vermont's infants and toddlers (birth to age three) from low-income families
<b>What is it and what services are provided?</b>	A federal systems-level grant that strengthens early childhood infrastructure, including program quality, professional development, community supports, and data systems.	A Vermont state law that establishes access to ten hours of publicly funded Pre-K per week, 35 weeks per year.	A federal grant, built upon the ELC grant, that enables pre-qualified providers of preschool to expand to full day, increase capacity, and improve quality.	A federal grant that allows Early Head Start grantees to partner with center and home-based child care to increase their hours and/or capacity and/or quality.
<b>When do services or programs start and end?</b>	The grant was awarded in December 2013 and is a four year grant.	It was signed into law in June of 2014. It will be fully implemented by September of 2016.	The grant was awarded in December of 2014 and is a four year grant.	Five year grants awarded on a rolling basis between December 2014 and the end of March 2015.
<b>Where are services provided?</b>	Statewide, through state agencies, and community partners, including the Building Bright Futures Regional Councils	Schools, Head Start, child care centers, child care homes, All must be pre-qualified in order to offer publicly funded Pre-K education	Schools, Head Start, child care centers, child care homes, All must be pre-qualified	Head Start, Early Head Start, and partnering child care centers and family child care homes
<b>Why does it matter?</b>	The grant's goal is to improve school readiness for Vermont's children.	Children who have high quality Pre-K are better prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.	Targeted, high-quality, full day pre-k is the most effective way to close the achievement gap before it begins.	The grant's goals are to increase access to high-quality, full day, infant and toddler care for low-income families.
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