

# Child Care in Vermont

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# Regulated Child Care in Vermont

- Center Based Child Care and Preschool Program (Centers)
- Registered and Licensed Family Child Care Home (Family Child Care Homes)
- Afterschool Program (Afterschool)



# Programs & Capacity

Program Type	Number of Programs	Licensed Capacity
<b>Centers</b>	515	17,381
<b>Licensed Family Child Care Homes</b>	21	238
<b>Registered Family Child Care Homes</b>	594	5,940
<b>Afterschool</b>	158	10,352
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>33,911</b>

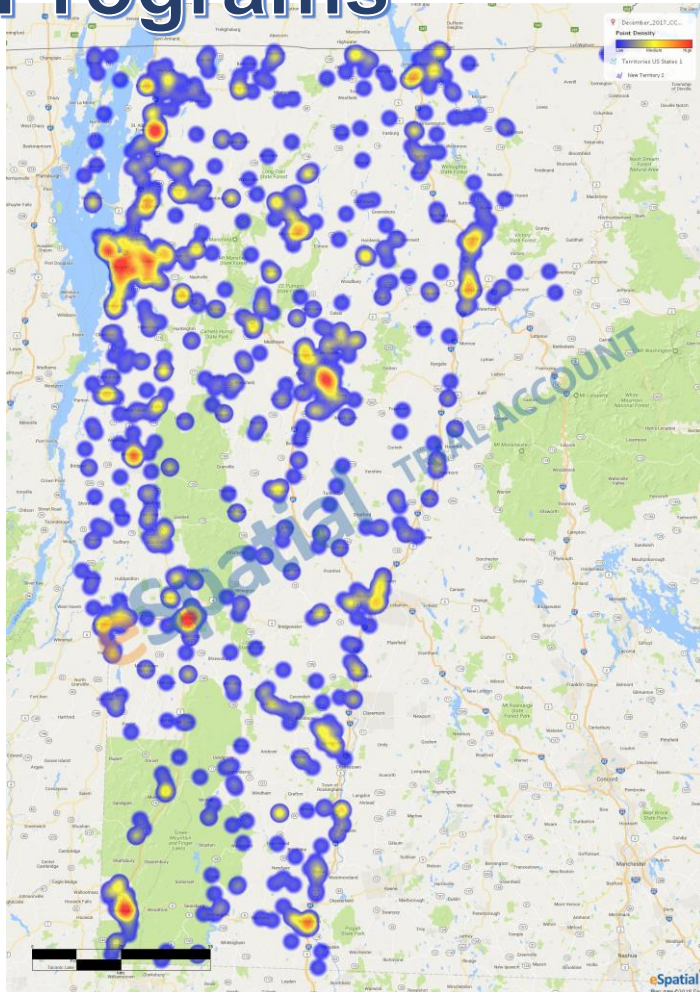
# Capacity by AHS District

AHS District	Total Current Child Care Capacity as of 12/31/2017
ST. Albans	2380
Burlington	10322
Hartford	2488
ST. Johnsbury	1569
Brattleboro	1657
Barre	3276
Newport	1233
Rutland	3681
Springfield	1678
Bennington	1722
Morrisville	1771
Middlebury	2134
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>33911</b>

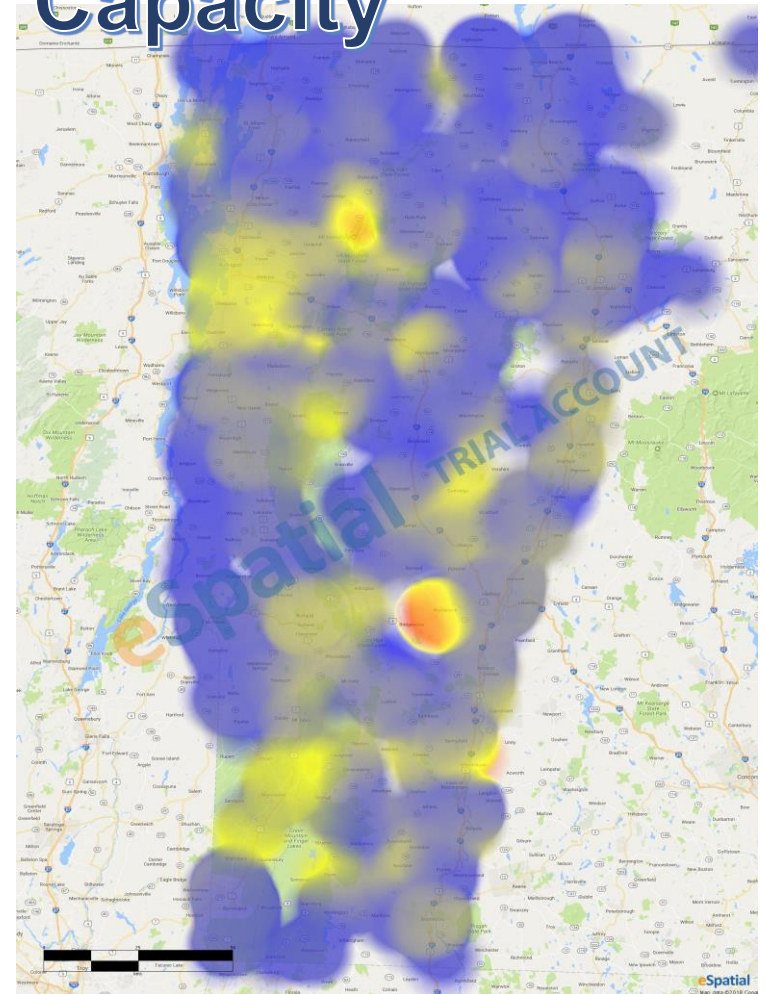


# Landscape of Programs & Capacity

## Programs



## Capacity



# Informal Child Care

- Vermont state law requires any person caring for children from more than two families (other than the provider's own family) to be registered or licensed.
- Individuals caring for children in less than two families other than their own are exempt from regulation.
- Families using licensed exempt providers and paying with their own resources make private arrangements for care not regulated or monitored by the state in any way – we do not have data on these arrangements.

# Changes in Vermont Regulations

- **Child Care Regulation Review Project: 2012 - 2016**
  - Updating regulations for the first time in 10 – 15 years
  - 5 year process engaging over 100 providers and stakeholders throughout the state
  - Comprehensive revision keeping the health, safety and well-being of children as most important priority
  - Consistency and clarity
  - Allow time to implement significant changes
  - Don't put good providers out of business
  - Provide strong, reasonable, enforceable foundation for quality

# Changes in Vermont Regulations

- **Changes Child Care Licensing Regulations**
  - Combined similar rule books, going from five regulation types to three regulation types
  - Education Requirements
    - FCCH: High School diploma or equivalent and Fundamentals training
    - Centers: College credits required for all Teacher Associates (individuals who leads a group of children)
  - Changes to record checks, including fingerprint supported record checks
  - Updated health and safety language to reflect current research related to health and how children learn and develop
  - Center based programs can use a Business Manager
  - Requirement for child care staff to receive orientation training

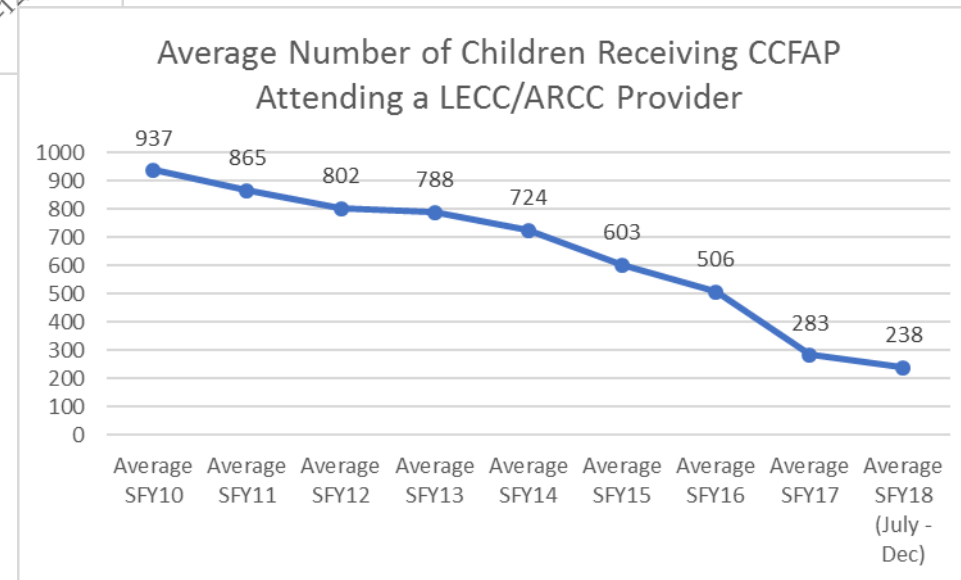
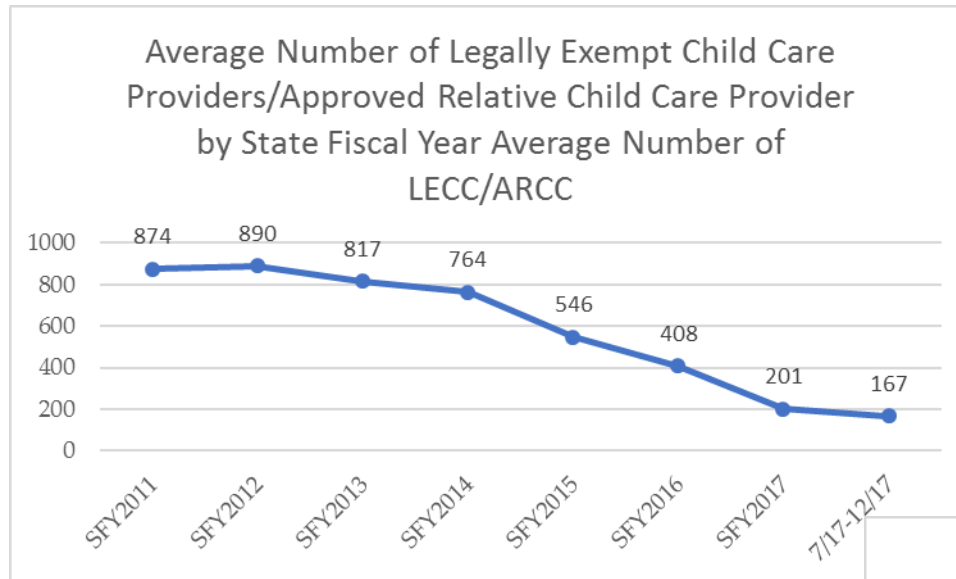


# Changes in Federal Regulations

## CCDBG Act of 2014

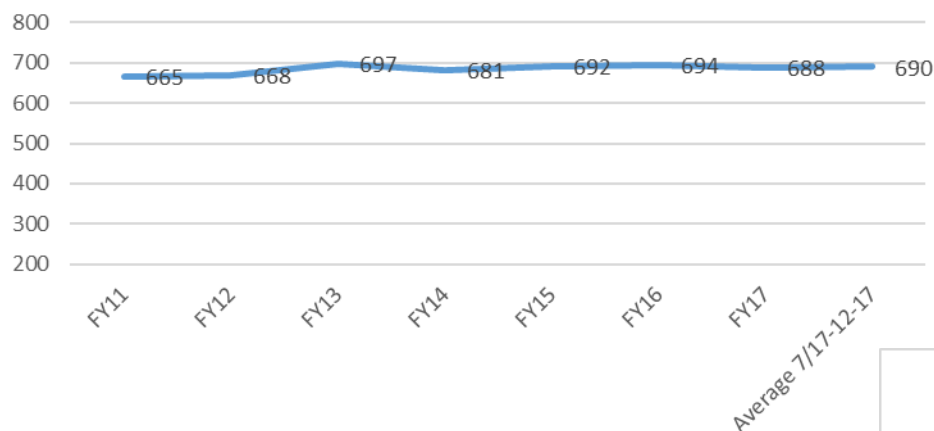
- Fingerprint supported background checks
- Additional requirements for any non family member child care providers receiving Child Care Financial Assistance payments
- Change from Legally Exempt Child Care to Approved Relative Child Care
- Additional health and safety requirements
- Orientation requirement
- Annual visits by a licensing field specialist

# Legally Exempt Child Care/Approved Relative Child Care

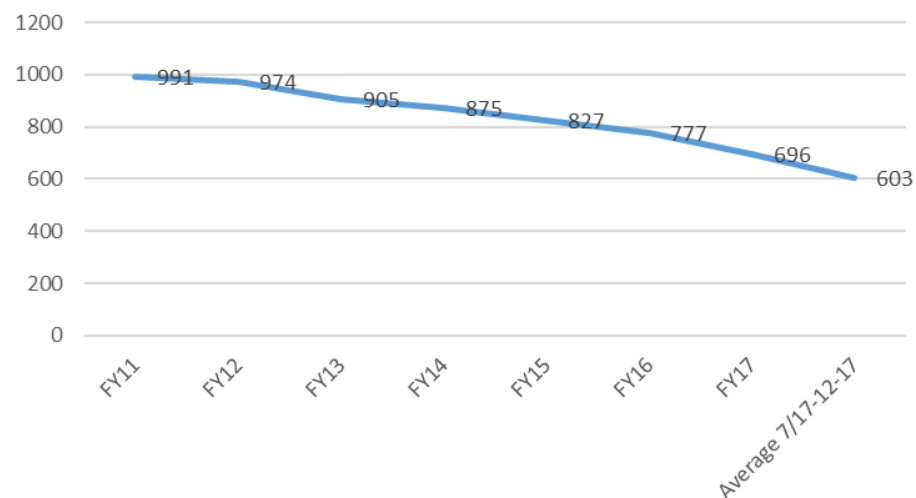


# Changes in Child Care Program Numbers from SFY2011 to SFY18

Average Number of Licensed Child Care Programs by State Fiscal Year



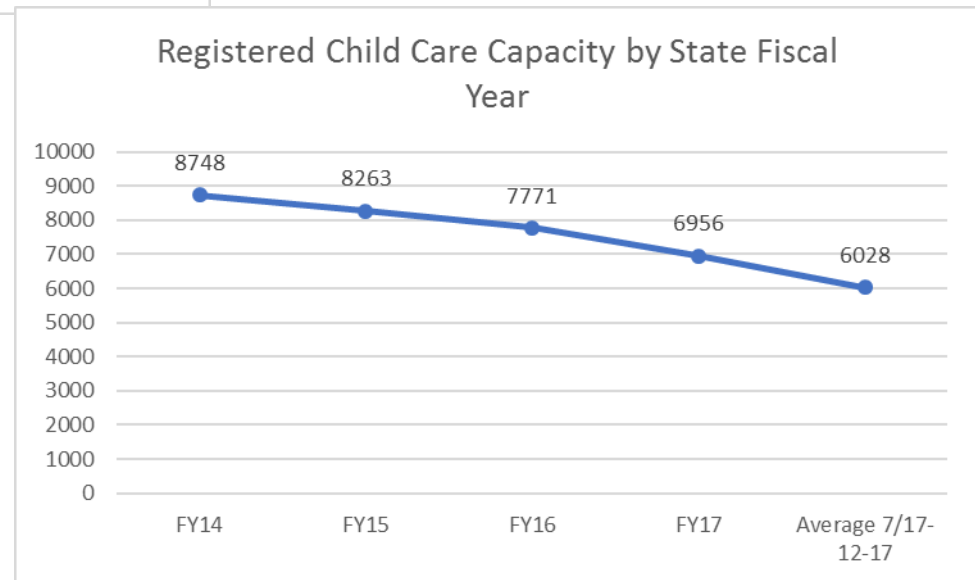
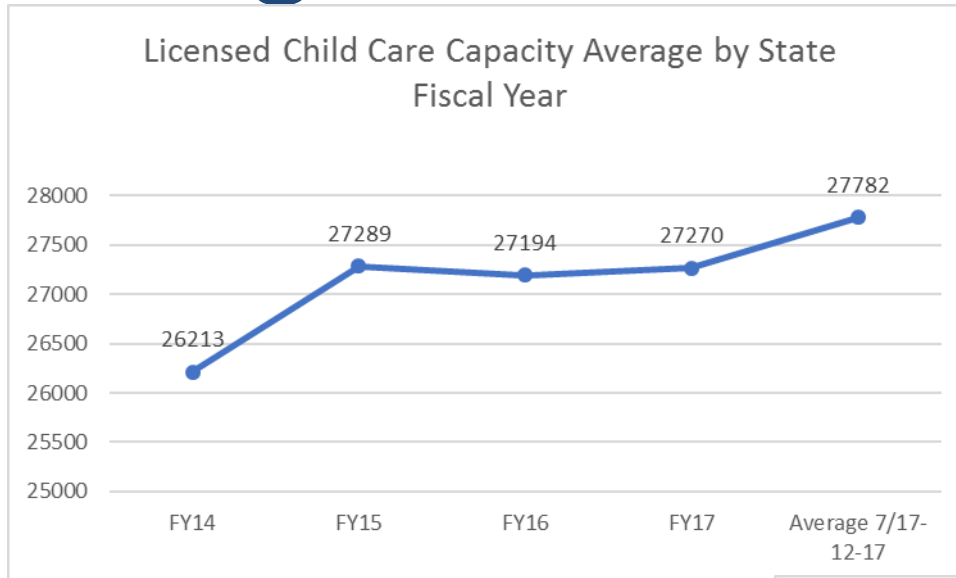
Average Number of Registered Child Care Programs by State Fiscal Year



# Changes in Capacity by AHS District

AHS District	Change in Licensed Capacity of Child Care Programs from June 2012 to December 2017			Percentage Change/Impact by AHS District		
	Licensed Provider	Registered Home	Grand Total	Licensed Provider	Registered Home	Grand Total
Bennington	-40	-310	-350	-3%	-47%	-17%
Hartford	640	-260	380	39%	-58%	18%
Burlington	988	-690	298	12%	-42%	3%
Barre	-82	-440	-522	-3%	-37%	-14%
Morrisville	101	-300	-199	8%	-47%	-10%
Middlebury	21	-180	-159	1%	-33%	-7%
Newport	-64	-60	-124	-8%	-10%	-9%
Springfield	166	-50	116	14%	-14%	7%
St. Albans	69	-580	-511	5%	-37%	-18%
St. Johnsbury	155	-220	-65	15%	-35%	-4%
Rutland	356	-280	76	13%	-31%	2%
Brattleboro	-48	-180	-228	-3%	-51%	-12%
Statewide	2262	-3550	-1288	9%	-37%	-4%

# Changes in Child Care Capacity



# What Can Increase Access to Child Care?

- Outreach campaign on the opportunity to operate a child care business in Vermont.
- Increasing rates paid to child care providers in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- Outreach campaign to increase awareness of the Child Care Financial Assistance Program, as well as other financial support for families

## H. 588: Educational requirements for child care providers

- Educational requirements for child care providers
- Individualized variances for programs and professionals
- Guidance manuals
- Quarterly newsletter
- Northern Lights at CCV Resource Advisors

# More information

- Vermont CC Regulation Information, including Guidance Manuals
  - <http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/laws-regs/childcare>
- Child Care Market Rate Survey 2015
  - [http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/CDD/Reports/Market\\_Rate\\_Survey\\_Report\\_2015.pdf](http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/CDD/Reports/Market_Rate_Survey_Report_2015.pdf)
- Quarterly Licensing Newsletter
  - <http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd-blog/august-2017-licensing-newsletter>
- CDD Child Care Closures Report, April 2017
  - [http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/CDD/Reports/April\\_2017\\_Closed\\_Program\\_Report.pdf](http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/CDD/Reports/April_2017_Closed_Program_Report.pdf)



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