

# Parent Child Centers are the Answer Legislative Platform 2018 Increase Master Grant Funding for PCCs



Parent Child Centers (PCCs) are a network of 15 community-based non-profit organizations, serving all of Vermont. The purpose of each PCC is to provide support and education to families with young children. We use the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework with the goal to help all Vermont families get off to a healthy start, promote well-being and build on family strengths.

## Critical Need: Increased funding for Parent Child Centers

The PCCs deliver critical & essential state services to families with young children.

Parent Child Center staff wages and benefits are continually 30% below market rates to comparable positions in education and state government. If PCCs are expected to continue to provide high quality state services, PCC wages and benefits must sustain the highly skilled people who do the work.

PCCs now have a Master grant that adheres to the Sec. E.300.4 of the 2015 Budget Bill: *Human Services; Improving Grants Management for Results-Based Programs*. The Master Grant increases efficiency and clearly identifies Results Based Accountability population outcomes and program performance measures. However, the Master Grant *does not adequately fund* the state services that it requires the PCCs to deliver.

**Parent Child Centers  
Core Services**

- Home Visits
- Early Childhood Services
- Parent Education
- Playgroups
- Parent Support Groups
- Concrete Supports
- Community Development
- Information & Referral

**Master Grant funding must increase by \$8,000,000  
to close the salary and funding gap.  
Total PCC Master Grant funding must be \$10,000,000.**



*Research has proven that prevention services targeted at reducing and treating ACEs can dramatically reduce long term health care costs. The PCCs use a family-centered, multi-generational, strength-based approach that both treats and prevents ACEs in families.*

### PARENT CHILD CENTERS = RESULTS

The mission of the Vermont Parent Child Center Network is to provide children, youth and families with strength based, holistic and collaborative services across Vermont with a focus on early childhood education and prevention services. The Network provides leadership, support and advocacy on behalf of its membership and in collaboration with key partners to achieve the best outcomes for families.

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