

From: Mary
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Theresa Utton-Jerman
Subject: Budget hearings

As a Board of Trustee member, and grandmother of two girls attending the Orange County Parent Child Center I respectfully ask that VT fully funds the Parent Child Centers' essential work with families with young children. Base funding for the 8 core services should be \$10million.

Parent Child Centers provide:

- *Quality child care from infants to preschoolers and summer programs for older children.*
- *Outreach and support for new parents with Welcome family visits.*
- *Families learning together programs for career advancement.*
- *Identification of early essential learning challenges.*

PCCs are partners with the state and are the hub for connecting families to community and state services.

The work that PCCs do ...

- *promotes healthy child development and access to quality early care and education.*
- *reduces child custody rates,*
- *fights addiction,*

lowers rising health care costs, continues to make progress on family safety and stability,

- *Prevention and Mitigation of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences).*

Parent Child Centers were a remarkable innovation when they were first created nearly 30 years ago, and they are still on the cutting edge of prevention work with vulnerable families.

The work that PCCs do helps families to cope successfully with both the timeless challenges of all families with young children and the new challenges of the 21st century. Every dollar invested in building healthy communities reduces the demand on our health care system.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mary Savidge