



WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, CHILDREN SHINE



Building Bright Futures (BBF) is Vermont's early childhood public-private partnership established by law to monitor the state's early care, health and education systems and to advise the Administration and Legislature on policy and systems improvements. BBF operates as a backbone organization for collective impact at the state and local level by convening stakeholders and community members with a common goal of meeting the diverse needs of all Vermont children and families.

Collective Impact: Creating a statewide network of people committed to early childhood

Vermont's young children and families regularly interact with a network of professionals who support young children; from doctors, early educators, social workers, and librarians, to policy makers, business leaders, and beyond. BBF works to convene this network using a collective impact framework, recognizing that we can better address the complex issues facing children and families when we work together.

Regional Councils

BBF supports 12 regional early childhood councils that work locally to identify gaps, share best practices, strategize, and support response to community issues through their regional action plans. Regional councils also create community engagement opportunities to foster positive change for young children. Councils advise the BBF State Advisory Council (SAC) on local issues, needs and bright spots to strengthen both local and statewide systems of care, health and education.

State Advisory Council (SAC)

The State Advisory Council (SAC) is the governor-appointed council created to advise the governor and Legislature on early care, health and education. It brings together early childhood leaders and decision makers from across sectors for systems-level discussions on how to better coordinate and enhance services for young children. The SAC sets annual priorities based on Vermont's Early Childhood Action Plan, reviews early childhood data, and gathers regional input to make its annual recommendations.

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BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES STATEWIDE NETWORK:

Addison, Bennington, Caledonia and Southern Essex, Central Vermont, Chittenden, Franklin Grand Isle, Lamoille Valley, Northern Windsor and Orange, Orleans and Northern Essex, Rutland, Southeast Vermont, Springfield Area

Action: Setting Priorities and Moving the Needle for Vermont's Children and Families

Vermont's Early Childhood Framework and Action Plan:

The Early Childhood Framework and Action Plan represent our common goals for Vermont's children and families and create a pathway for collective action to make those goals a reality.

The six goals are:

1. A healthy start for all children
2. Families and communities play a leading role
3. High-quality opportunities for all children
4. Invest now for our future
5. Know we're making a difference
6. An innovative and connected system

BBF serves as steward and ambassador of the Action Plan by convening partners to set annual priorities, monitoring progress and reporting and celebrating successes.

BBF Action Plan Committees:

BBF Committees, made up of SAC members, regional council members, and at-large community members, take a more focused look at different elements of the early childhood system-- , such as date and workforce development. These committees align with the goals of the Framework and Action Plan, and help monitor progress and move the work of the Action Plan forward. Committees include:

- Early Childhood Wellness Committee
- Early Learning and Development Committee
- Professional Preparation and Development Committee
- Data and Evaluation Committee
- Early Childhood Interagency Coordination Team

Analysis: Monitoring the Well-Being of Vermont's Children and Families

In order to ensure we are effective at making a difference for children and families, BBF promotes the use of data to guide our strategy and decision making at both the state and regional level. Major data-driven initiatives include:

Vermont Insights:

An online interactive website where users can find and use data about the well-being of Vermont's children, families and communities. The goal of this program is to help leaders, policymakers, families and communities make informed policy and program decisions through relevant data.

How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families Report:

An annual publication of BBF that provides a data-based assessment on the well-being of young children and families across Vermont.

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