



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rep. Mary Hooper, Chair, Committee on Appropriations  
From: Rep. Ann Pugh, Chair, Committee on Human Services  
Cc: Representative Jill Krowinski, Speaker, House of Representatives  
Date: January 22, 2021  
Subject: FY21 Budget adjustment recommendations

The House Committee on Human Services (Committee) thanks the House Committee on Appropriations for the opportunity to comment on the Governor's proposed FY21 Budget Adjustment Act. The Committee's recommendations are outlined below:

- The Committee recommends prioritizing a portion of the unexpended funds appropriated for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program in FY20 to the Department for Children and Families' Child Development Division's modernization of the Bright Futures Information System. The Committee is eager to see how the Governor's FY22 budget proposes to continue advancing the Child Development Division's 5-year plan, which will make child care more affordable for families.
- The Committee recommends that \$1,000,000.00 of the Reach Up caseload savings be used to pay for support services to help Reach Up clients achieve program goals in accordance with Reach Up rule 2314. The Committee looks to the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs to address bridge funding for housing stabilization for families experiencing homelessness.
- The Committee concurs with the Governor's proposals relating to the Department of Health, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity.
- The Committee concurs with the Governor's proposals relating to Department for Children and Families' Family Services Division and is eager to see how the Governor's FY22 budget proposes to enhance supports to foster parents.

