## What is a Parent Child Center?

A community-based welcoming hub of support and services that:

- Reflects and is responsive to community needs and interests
- Provides support for families at low or no cost to participants



#### What do Parent Child Centers Do?

- Enhance parenting skills
- Foster the healthy development and well-being of children, youth, and families
- · Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase school readiness
- Connect families to resources
- Develop parental and community leadership
- Engage males and fathers
- Support healthy marital and couples relationships
- Promote family economic success



### What are the Goals of a PCC?

- To support families to be strong, healthy and successful
- To contribute to building a strong and healthy community
- To reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by building the research-based Strengthening Families Protective Factors

# PCCs work with an approach that is:

- Multi-generational
- Strengths-based
- Family-centered

## What are the 8 Core Services of Parent Child Centers in Vermont?

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







## What are the Nationally-Adopted Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support?

- Nationally-adopted standards that uniquely integrate and operationalize the Principles of Family Support Practice with the Strengthening Families Framework and its research-based evidence-informed 5 Protective Factors.
- Designed to be used by all stakeholders public departments, foundations, community-based organizations, and families as a tool for planning, providing, and assessing quality practice.
- Implementation ensures that families are supported and strengthened through quality practice.
- Create a common language and expectations in the Family Support Field
- Focus on 5 Core Areas of Practice:
  - Family Centeredness
  - Family Strengthening
  - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
  - Community Strengthening
  - Evaluation









#### Where are we NOW?

- The Vermont Parent Child Center Network has begun to implement the nationallyadopted Standards of Quality
- On December 6, 2019 the VT PCC Network hosted a Standards Certification Training each PCC had 1-3 staff certified
- 3. In December 2019 two Vermont PCC Directors became certified Standards Trainers
- 4. 5 PCCs have been fully trained on the standards and have started implementation. The other PCCs will complete this process by the end of 2021.

### Where are we HEADED?

- 1. The VT PCC Network will continue to certify PCCs and other staff across Vermont
- 2. Each Parent Child Centers will continue to conduct an annual self-assessment and create an Action Plan to implement the Standards of Quality