



# Parent Child Centers are the Answer

*Parent Child Centers provide eight core services across the state.*

## Home Visits

PCC's provide home visits to families with young children who request home-based support. The frequency and content of visits is determined by family goals and interest.

## Early Childhood Services

PCCs provide developmental, inclusive, child care on-site or in strong collaboration with other early childhood services providers to ensure that families have quality options to meet full-time and part-time child care needs and children have group experiences with their peers. PCCs provide services through Learning Together and Strengthening Families programming.

## Parent Education

PCC's offer parent education opportunities in a variety of formats and on a range of topics and themes responding to family issues. Educational opportunities are supportive, practically-oriented, and empowering. Information to assist families in understanding and coping with transition issues is included in education services and are also embedded in other services.



## Information and Referral

PCC's serve as a clearinghouse for general information about child development and parenting as well as information about local and statewide resources for families. They contribute to the long-term health and well-being of children and families by sharing information about health care (insurance programs, medical homes and related resources). Service is provided through direct referral and follow-up, if requested. PCCs support services to welcome babies into the community.

## Playgroups

PCC's provide and support opportunities for parents and children to come together on a regular basis for socialization, peer support, healthy snacks, and information and resource sharing in a developmentally-appropriate setting.

## Parent Support Groups

PCC's facilitate opportunities for families with common experience and interests to gain mutual support in a peer group setting.

## Concrete Supports

Families have access to a welcoming environment which offers support and information about community services and resources to address the immediate needs of the family and/or contribute to the long-term well-being of the family.

## Community Development

PCC's advocate for and contribute to family-centered services and events by taking a supportive and/or leadership role in broad-based promotion, prevention and early intervention efforts in the community. PCCs actively participate in the regional Building Bright Futures (BBF) Council to ensure that direct service activities funded or supported by this grant are aligned with the Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan and regional priorities as identified by the regional BBF Council.