





## Here's how we'll do it.

We are going to build a sustainable, fully funded universal afterschool and summer system. To get there, we're taking a multi-year approach, using current funding sources as a bridge. We've identified six keys to success.

### KEY

# 1

#### **Commitment**

The Governor set a goal for universal afterschool and summer in his 2020 State of the State speech. Now we're acting on his commitment.

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# 2

#### **Collaboration**

The Governor has established a cross-agency team that is responsible for developing, supporting and sustaining the universal afterschool and summer system.

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# 3

#### **Coordination**

Vermont Afterschool will support the work of the cross-agency team, working closely with afterschool and summer programs to continuously improve quality and integrating input from all stakeholders, including providers and youth.

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# 4

#### **Improving Program Quality and Data**

We will work together to build on and promote common quality standards for all programs and be able to track impact and outcome data for the entire system. This will include offering professional development and youth engagement opportunities. We will communicate the impact of our programs with data.

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# 5

#### **Reaching Youth and Families**

A commitment to equity will be at the center of this strategy. We will convene a State Youth Advisory Council to help develop a deeper understanding of the potential barriers and challenges to accessing afterschool and summer programs, particularly for youth in rural areas, those who identify as BIPOC or LGBTQ+ and youth with special needs.

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# 6

#### **Sustainable Funding**

The state is working on developing a funding structure that includes revenue sources and grant programs so that every year, starting now and building towards 2025, Vermont will have more access, availability and equity in our universal afterschool and summer system.

Thank you for demonstrating your trust in investing in Vermont's youth—optimizing outcomes for every young Vermonter today, tomorrow and decades forward—and in turn, strengthening our families, our communities and the state of Vermont.

