



# Government Accountability & BBF's Role to Monitor Impact Related to Early Childhood

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# Building Bright Futures Serves as Vermont's Early Childhood Advisory Council



Building Bright Futures' role is to:

- Advise Vermont's Governor, Administration, and Legislature
- Convene early childhood partners through the Building Bright Futures Network
- Empower and elevate the voices of families and early childhood professionals
- Monitor the early childhood system through high-quality, up-to-date data

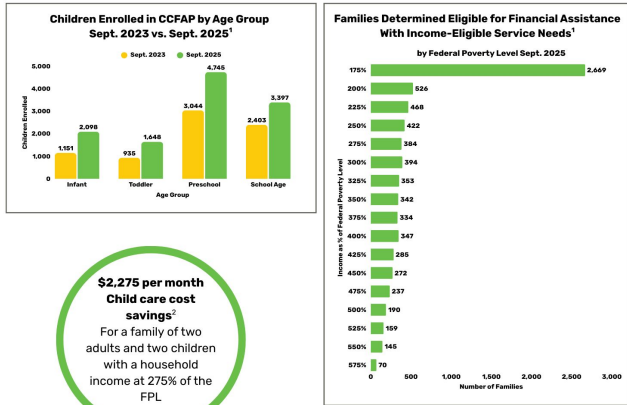
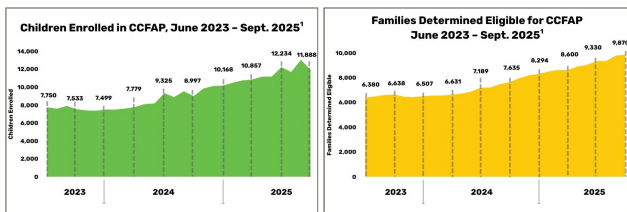
Named in Act 76 as the entity responsible for monitoring implementation and impact related to child care

- Respond to needs by elevating emerging priorities and issuing policy recommendations
- Steward Vermont's Early Childhood Strategic Plan 2030



# Act 76: Key Progress in 2025

## The State of Child Care in Vermont



**\$2.275 per month  
Child care cost  
savings<sup>2</sup>**

For a family of two  
adults and two children  
with a household  
income at 275% of the  
FPL

- Significant expansion in access and affordability
- Stronger financial footing for many programs
- Major investments in system capacity and system infrastructure
- A financing system that is functioning as intended
- Growing culture of learning and continuous improvement



# Considerations for Government Accountability and Monitoring Efforts



- Defining success is complex
- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Lived experience is critical for evaluating holistic impact
- Technology, infrastructure, and staffing play a significant role

