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Advisory Council on Child Poverty and Strengthening Families meeting in NEK

Montpelier, VT – The Advisory Council on Child Poverty and Strengthening Families will be holding a listening and learning opportunity on December 5, 2018 in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. The Council would very much like to hear from Vermonters and gain a deeper understanding of their issues and concerns. Hearing testimony in Montpelier does not always present the fullest of pictures as the Council develops and recommends policy changes to the Legislature. This listening and learning opportunity will be held at:

Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA)
115 Lincoln Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
5:30 to 7:00pm

The event will consist of large and small groups discussing specific topics that will be provided as a starting point.

The Council is grateful to NEKCA for opening their doors and hosting this opportunity and for also providing a spaghetti dinner starting at 5:00pm. Onsite child care will also be provided at no cost.

“Expert testimony and poverty data are important to understand, but only represent part of the information that informs the Council. We must hold space for the stories Vermonters share with us. Our work is incomplete without their stories.”

Rep. Diane Lanpher, Chair

About the Council: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/detail/2018/341>

The Advisory Council on Child Poverty and Strengthening Families was established in 2018 as a restructuring of the former VT Child Poverty Council, which had a similar mission since 2007. The Advisory Council was created to identify and examine structural and other issues in Vermont that lead to families living in poverty and the conditions that prevent families from moving out of poverty.

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