

December 18, 2014 – Vermont Birth to Three is pleased to announce the funding of six Strengthening Families Projects. These grants, funded by the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge through the Child Development Division, will support ten family child care providers in each of the six regions to partner with a local agency.

The agencies that will host the Strengthening Families projects are Child Care Resource in Williston, Northwestern Counseling and Support Services in St Albans, Kingdom Child Care Connection at Umbrella, Inc. in St Johnsbury, Suzy's Little Peanuts in Springfield, Sunrise Family Resource Center in Bennington, and The Lamoille Family Center in Morrisville. The participating providers will be trained and become proficient in the Strengthening Families framework and will offer comprehensive services to the families of the children in their care. Meanwhile, the providers will receive ongoing support and professional development from the hub agency. Family Child Care Providers have known for decades that they play an important role in the lives of the children that they care for.

The Strengthening Families Framework expands the impact that providers can make in children's lives through supporting their work with parents. Vermont Birth to Three is pleased to partner with the providers and the agencies in this important work.