

2015 Highlights



STARS

80% of Family Child Care Programs are participating in STARS
33% of Family Child Care Programs in STARS, have 3-5 stars

Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative

Grants to 22 communities, totaling more than \$400,000
23 early childhood educators in process of attaining Level 1 licensure

Strengthening Families

60 Family Child Care programs participating in 3 year project
436 families with 590 children enrolled
50% of the children receive Child Care Financial Assistance (32% receive 100% CCFAP)



Shared Services

633 website members
45 pilot members experiencing savings in insurance, fuel, and more

Child Care Mentoring

546 mentees in 2015, with 483 mentees in December
8,790 hours of mentoring
18 mentors, including expansion into center based mentoring

Starting Points

481.75 hours of Professional Development delivered
530 members (up from 485 members in December 2014)



Professional Development

458 early childhood professionals received training on topics including Brain Development, Children Exposed to Substance Abuse, and Sustainable Business Practices

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"One of my families broke up, when the mother fled with her two children from her abusive boyfriend. When she came to my door step holding back the tears, before I asked, I knew. Rather than leaping in her arms for joy that she finally left him, I jumped into her arms for support. Before I knew it, I was offering the flex fund, a place to stay, anything she needed to make sure she and her children were safe. It all came so natural to provide the resources she needs because I truly care and I'm just so thankful that we have an amazing support system through Strengthening Families!"
- Registered Family Child Care Provider, St Johnsbury region



"The VCPC has been instrumental in our work with private preschools in our region. VCPC's support and guidance for the 2 years prior to early adoption of universal preschool was critical to our success working with families and community preschools. Honestly if it wasn't for this support we would not be an early adopter. VCPC's work has been extraordinary in every way, I can't say enough good about the quality and clarity of their collaboration. "
- Superintendent of Schools, Hartford



"Having a Mentor has affected my program in the most positive way. I have been able to increase my level of STARS and have improved my environment by using the FCCERS rating system. I am currently working with my Mentor on my CDA, joining the Food Program, as well as Teaching Strategies Gold. I feel the Mentoring Program gives me a person that I can go directly to ask questions and receive advice. Having a Mentor has given me the confidence in completed my goals, as well as becoming a better educator."
- Registered Family Child Care Provider, Middlebury region

"Being a mentor is never the same two visits in a row. Just yesterday I was helping to create a dramatic play area in one program, developing a record keeping system that works with a provider who has been doing child care for 20 years but never had one before, and then ended the day with helping craft a letter to parents about changes in her contract. The job is both challenging and fulfilling and feels like it makes a huge difference in the providers' lives and those of the children they care for...and the impact will be felt for years to come!"
- VB5 Child Care Mentor, Brattleboro region

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