



CHILD CARE – REACH UP CONNECTION IN VERMONT

Child Care and Early Childhood Education
for Families in Vermont's TANF Program

FUNDING AND COLLABORATION

- 20% of Vermont's Federal TANF grant goes toward child care subsidy to support participants who are employed and working toward employment
- Contract with 11 Parent Child Centers who provide child care
- Memorandum of agreement with Head Start
- Universal pre-K

20% Federal Block grant used for registered and licensed child care placements

Reach Up and Post-Secondary Education program participants receive a full child care subsidy

Reach Ahead participants receive a full subsidy for 24 months (in a lifetime)

Reach Ahead is Vermont's transitional benefits program, for participants who are meeting their work requirement with employment, and whose income is too high for Reach Up.

TRANSFER FUNDS TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY



PARENT CHILD CENTERS

In-house child care

Parenting skills

Nurture parent-child bond

Promote breast feeding

Positive role modeling and peer mentorship



REACH UP – HEAD START COLLABORATION

- Memorandum of agreement with Head Start
- Reach Up case managers promote Head Start for participants' children
- Case managers and Head Start workers help family meet goals together
- Priority given to families receiving Reach Up



Reach Up



UNIVERSAL PRE-K

- Funded by Vermont legislature since 2015
- Provides 10 hours/week, 35 weeks/year publicly-funded preschool for all children ages 3-5



CHALLENGES

- Obtaining data and connecting outcomes
- Cost of child care – co-pays
- Shortage of child care facilities – especially for children under two

Access to quality,
affordable child
care allows
parents and
children to thrive
together.

