



# 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

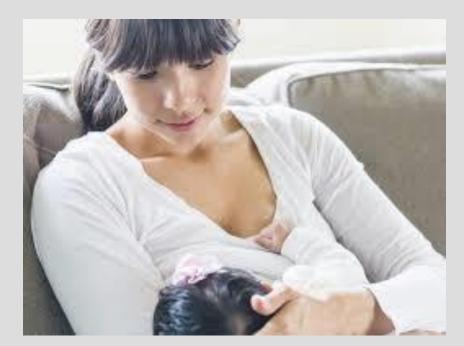
Parenting skills

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





## UNIVERSAL PRE-K

- Funded by Vermont legislature since 2015
- Provides 10 hours/week, 35 weeks/year publiclyfunded 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.

