

Professional Preparation and Development Committee

The Professional Preparation and Development Committee formed after the first Early Childhood Workgroup meeting in 1992. This inclusive state-wide workgroup has addressed issues, created resources and highlighted the need for a well educated and skilled early childhood and after-school professional workforce. The committee is a workgroup of Building Bright Futures (Vermont's Early Childhood Advisory Council).



Mission

To develop, coordinate and promote a comprehensive system of quality learning opportunities for current and prospective early childhood and after school professionals



Purpose

To build a professional community that:

- ❖ Identifies and builds on assets, and prioritizes needs for professional opportunities
- ❖ Aligns professional development initiatives into a coordinated system
- ❖ Advocates for resources and improvements to the system
- ❖ Fosters respect, collegiality and collaboration
- ❖ Facilitates external and internal communication strategies that promote the value of professional development to stakeholders, including: consumers, practitioners and the general public
- ❖ Uses the Vermont Professional Development Guiding Principles (attached)

This Professional Community includes representatives from broad sectors of the early childhood and afterschool professional development community and the different geographic regions of Vermont including:

- ✓ Higher education
- ✓ State agencies and partners (such as Department of Education, Child Development Division, State Collaboration Office, Department for Children and Families, Vermont Department of Health, Parent Child Centers, Community Child Care Support Agencies, Children's Integrated Services)
- ✓ Building Bright Futures State and Regional Councils
- ✓ Head Start and Early Head Start
- ✓ Northern Lights Career Development Center
- ✓ Sponsors of Professional Development
- ✓ Instructors of Professional Development
- ✓ Consumers of Professional Development
- ✓ Professional Associations and networks