



Vermont Early  
Childhood  
Higher  
Education  
Consortium

Agenda  
July 6, 2023

**VTECHEC Meeting**  
**Diane's Legacy File/Notes [here](#).**

Heather Duhamel (she/her) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: VTECHEC Meeting

Time: Jul 6, 2023 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88671135464?pwd=ZWE4SXBtVmd6VjUyNG9WVFgVUUpOZz09>

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**"Rapid Share"**

Ric, VTSU (ECE Summer Institute)

Rick shares updates on Summer Institute. Eleven strands. Looks like 100 participants/4 day format (virtual). Plenary opportunities included. All available on video/recorded.

Brenda Schramm, VtAEYC

Update: Hiring many positions at VtAEYC

Amanda Menard will take on Zoom to Licensure calls and Watermark (Peer Review)

Applying to receive funds to support AOE Provisional project again (TBD)

Lynne Robbins, CDD

Update: Passing of bill Act 77 will bring new positions at CDD

Kaitlin Northey, UVM

Update: Shared YC article that focused on our Study Group

Leslie Johnson, CCV

Update: Program review - celebrating growth!  
Report will be shared

Becky Millard, CCV at NL  
Update: New position funded PDG/curriculum manager + resource advisor positions

Renee Kelly, Head Start Collab  
Update: Federal application submitted  
Articulation agreements/pathways  
Still a focus on Infant/Tod credential - Dawn Rouse (CDD)  
Inclusion resources from conference- to be shared  
(Follow up Higher Ed Collab/Head Start and Champlain College model)

### “Deep Dive”

About Peer Review  
Susan Torncello and Heather Duhamel, Alternative Pathways Consultants  
Susan and Heather will outline the opportunities that have been provided to our ECE Community to support Alternative Pathways to Licensure since 2011. These projects have been in collaboration with many of your institutions. This overview is meant to support reflection and designate next steps to ensure that this pathway has sustainable leadership and funding.

[www.vtaeyc.org](http://www.vtaeyc.org) has asked..

Who are our recipients?

Who are our early educators in Vermont?

Who answers if it should be accredited?

Future - for credit/not for credit pathway (community of practice)

Center for School (\$425 course) + VtAEYC (funding) + AOE?

### About RIVET

(Recording: [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/WQ8LS\\_TOxCsTd9qb8DXvPrmoM4ztP5cnuB\\_HbGF6h1-t607UharkITno42zjtC.NodyidBVIXvIAKJD](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/WQ8LS_TOxCsTd9qb8DXvPrmoM4ztP5cnuB_HbGF6h1-t607UharkITno42zjtC.NodyidBVIXvIAKJD)  
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Susan Torncello and Jeanne Goldhaber, RIVET  
RIVET - Reggio Inspired Vermont Early-Education Team  
(<https://www.rivetnetwork.net/>) is a community of early educators inspired by the principles and values of the Reggio Approach and devoted to building relationships with children, families and each other. We are growing this network through regular virtual and in person gatherings (at each others' sites), and are planning a series of professional development opportunities throughout the state as we collaborate with community partners to bring the international

exhibition/atelier Mosaic of Marks, Words, and Materials  
(<https://www.reggiochildren.it/en/exhibitions/mosaic-of-marks-words-material/>) to Vermont  
in Summer 2026.

Inspiration children  
Inspiration teacher (PD- credits)  
CCV- NL (training hours)  
Infant/Toddler credential

\*Free exhibit (Open to public)  
Conference is run by NAREA (need sources of funding for conference/& for Vermont Educators  
making affordable or free)

Next- from Julia Wayne, CIS  
Thinking about connections...how can we fold in ECSE/EI to this process, and offer more  
opportunities for Early Educators to strengthen their skills in inclusion/early MTSS and  
supporting children with special needs? Specialty pathway?

Can we fold in the EI Certification to this that Northern Lights supports with?  
Curious how to increase flexibility with diverse pathways.

Discussion  
[Leadership VTECHEC 2023-2024](#)

Update: Ric will stay on to help support next steps within the group. Possible funds to staff  
leadership through VtAEYC. Heather will continue to join the meetings representing the  
Vermont State University Education Department (ECE Online 0-PreK).