

# Orange County

## A NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER WILL STRENGTHEN A COMMUNITY

Connection to community partners and support services is essential for a successful child care system. The new early childhood education and family support center under development in Randolph exemplifies this community's commitment to addressing its child care crisis.

The Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation purchased and is renovating a former Vermont Technical College building to create an 88-space child care program.

The Orange County Parent Child Center (OCPCC) will operate this high-quality licensed child care center, which hopes to open in spring 2023.



“If we can pick up developmental delays in children at an early stage and they're involved in early education early on, they do so much better. **If we wait until kindergarten, we've missed the chance for many, many children.**”

LOU DiNICOLA, MD  
Pediatrician | Randolph



Until we make massive, structural changes to the early childhood education system, we as families and providers will continue to face the challenges inherent to what is essentially a tuition-based, private school model, though in demand by all. **It is an essential that**

**is currently treated as a choice, and a luxury one at that. We must see child care for the critical, earliest step on the educational continuum that it is, and value it as such.**

MARISA DONOVAN  
Parent & Former Board President,  
Child Care Center In Norwich | Thetford

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR YES VOTE ON H.171!

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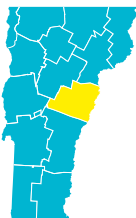
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## ORANGE COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS



### CHILDREN LIKELY TO NEED CARE:

- 357 Infants
- 215 Toddlers
- 420 Preschoolers

### CHILD CARE SPACES NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND:

- 271 for Infants
- 111 for Toddlers
- 200 for Preschoolers

