

# Rutland County

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR NETWORKS PROVIDE PEER SUPPORT AND PROMOTE WORKFORCE GROWTH

Lisa Moore and Michelle Traverse own well-established, high-quality family child care homes in Pawlet and Castleton respectively. As long-time and active participants in the Early Childhood Educator Networks (ECEN), Lisa and Michelle were elected by their peers to share leadership of the ECEN, sponsoring professional development opportunities, and fostering peer networking and collective advocacy to help meet the needs of home and center-based child care programs in the region. Early educators who are members of a professional network are more likely to stay in the field, offer high quality care and operate more sustainable programs.

The Rutland County Network is one of 24 early childhood networks with a total of 349 members regularly meeting across the state. Inspired by her aunt—Michelle Traverse—and by her growing concern for the lack of child care options in her community, Anna-Michelle Fabian earned a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and in 2021, with support from Let's Grow Kids, Anna-Michelle opened a new family child care home in Wallingford with 6 spaces for infants and toddlers.

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

#### SENATORS:

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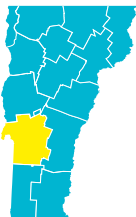
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## RUTLAND COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

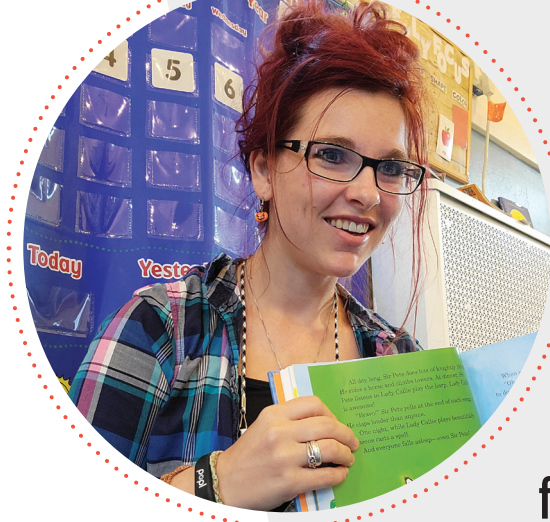


### CHILDREN LIKELY TO NEED CARE:

- 718 Infants
- 361 Toddlers
- 792 Preschoolers

### CHILD CARE SPACES NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND:

- 436 for Infants
- 91 for Toddlers
- 271 for Preschoolers



Families need to feel comfortable returning to the workforce. Businesses need reliable and talented people. Children need high-quality education and care for the best possible outcomes.

**Child care is an essential foundation of community and should be invested in and respected as such."**

STEPHANIE CARVEY

Early Childhood Education Director | Rutland



Child care is an essential element of a vibrant community. For nearly a decade, I worked in the public education system and I became very aware of the incredible benefits of quality and accessible childcare for children and families. Now, I

work in child development research and own my own toy shop in Rutland. **Not only do children and families thrive when great child care is available, but our communities and businesses also flourish."**

LOGAN SEELY

Owner, Wild Kind Toys | Rutland

