

Windsor County

TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS SUPPORT FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Thembi Muhlauri is one of Vermont's newest home-based child care providers. With a grant and technical assistance from Let's Grow Kids, Tee's Little Stars Childcare opened in summer 2021 and serves six children in and around White River Junction. Thembi, who moved to the Upper Valley from Zimbabwe in 2010, was thrilled to be able to provide invaluable services to families and children in need of child care, especially during the pandemic.

She says, "If it wasn't for this grant, I couldn't have opened my program because I couldn't afford to do it by myself. This grant helped me open successfully, I have employed a qualified infant teacher so that I can increase capacity because families in my community are struggling to get infant spots... With the help of Let's Grow Kids, I opened a beautiful child care and a successful business that will help my community forever."



Thembi Muhlauri

Since opening, Thembi began working on a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and is seeking additional grant support to expand from a registered home to a licensed home in 2022. She participates in Wonderschool, a partner of Let's Grow Kids that provides home-based child care programs with technology solutions and business management support.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YES VOTE ON H.171!

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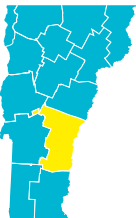
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WINDSOR COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS



CHILDREN LIKELY TO NEED CARE:

- 568 Infants
- 295 Toddlers
- 628 Preschoolers

CHILD CARE SPACES NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND:

- 352 for Infants
- 62 for Toddlers
- 114 for Preschoolers



I've learned so much in my 15 years running a registered family child care home. **Because of the training and support I've received, I feel confident the children in my care are getting the high-quality early education they deserve to be successful in school, future careers, and life.**

STACI OTIS

Owner, Little All-Stars Childcare and Preschool | Springfield



Evidence shows that high-quality child care is associated with both short-term and long-term benefits to the development of young children.

Providing teachers with additional training allows them to identify children with developmental differences earlier, allowing additional supports to be put into place, leading to better developmental outcomes.



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