GETTING BACK TO ADVOCACY ON CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION

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AGENDA

- Welcome & Overview
- Evolution of our 2020 Policy Agenda
- Taking Action in the Time of COVID-19
- Final Q&A
- Wrap Up
SO HOW DOES THIS WEBINAR THING WORK?
INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

In the chat tool, please share:

- Your name
- Your town
- One thing you’re grateful for right now
- One concern you have related to early care and education
2020 EARLY CARE & EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES (AND HOW THEY’VE EVOLVED)
ONCE UPON A TIME, IT WAS JANUARY 2020…
Sustain and Grow Vermont’s Early Care and Education Workforce

Help More Children Access Affordable Child Care

Engage Vermont Employers
WE WERE MOBILIZING, WE WERE ORGANIZING
AND THEN COVID-19 ARRIVED
POLICY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 - FEDERAL

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

CARES Act
ECE Initiatives

- Child Care for Essential Workers
- Child Care Stabilization Program
- CCFAP and Act 166 Tuition Payments

POLICY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 - VERMONT
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Budget Process

- Budget Adjustment for FY20
- “Skinny” Budget for Q1 FY21
- Final Budget for FY21
• Wage supports, scholarships

Still working to make child care more affordable and accessible for families

• Strengthening CCFAP

Still focusing on system supports

• New IT system for CDD
Q&A BREAK
SO WHAT’S NEXT?
TAKE ACTION!

You can still…

- Fill out the re-opening survey from CDD if you’re an early childhood educator
- Reach out to your legislator(s)
- Connect with your community
Q&A BREAK
GO GET 'EM, TIGERS!