

Lamoille County

THE CHALLENGE

In Lamoille County, **69% OF INFANTS** (BIRTH TO 2 YEARS OLD) likely to need care don't have access to any regulated child care. And **55% OF PRESCHOOLERS** (3-4 YEARS OLD) likely to need care don't have access to a high-quality program.

OUR PROGRESS

Thanks to generous supporters like you, Let's Grow Kids has partnered with Vermonters to create **20 new child care spaces**. And **698 people** in Lamoille County from all walks of life have joined together to support our shared movement.

Since 2018, you've helped Let's Grow Kids invest **\$886,764** in Lamoille County to build a child care system that works for children and families, early educators, and communities.

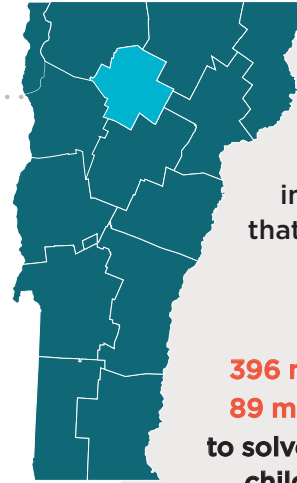
But there's more work to do.

Through 2025, we'll invest another **\$1.34 million** to solve the child care crisis for all Lamoille County children, forever.

AND YOU CAN HELP! Join the movement by adding your name, making a gift, or volunteering at www.letsgrowkids.org.



PHOTOS: CHILDREN UNLIMITED, WILLISTON, VT



LAMOILLE COUNTY HAS

478 child care spaces for children under 5 in **33 child care programs** that offer full-time, full-year child care (as of 2019).

LAMOILLE COUNTY NEEDS

396 more child care spaces & 89 more lead early educators to solve the child care crisis for children birth to 5 years old.



WHAT IS A CHILD CARE SPACE?

A child care "space" refers to a place for a child in a child care program. Let's Grow Kids uses "spaces" to track the availability of child care.

Not every family needs child care for a full week, so some spaces are shared between families who use part-time child care.

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letsgrowkids.org/resources-publications#SAS

THANKS TO SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU...

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Clubhouse Kids

MORRISVILLE, VT

Kathy Cookson's high-quality child care program, Clubhouse Kids, serves 38 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in Lamoille County.

In 2019, Kathy began working with Let's Grow Kids staff to implement SmartCare, a business management software that helps Kathy run her small business.

With SmartCare, Kathy can manage attendance, billing, employees, medical records, child and family data, and more. Parents use SmartCare to receive photos and updates and make payments.

Now, Kathy saves hours of administrative time because the tools she needs to run her business and communicate with parents are easily available on her computer and her phone.

Programs like Clubhouse Kids that have implemented SmartCare have seen an 87% increase in tuition collected, an 11% increase in families enrolled, and a 72% increase in on-time payment.

EARLY EDUCATION IS A PROFESSION

Joanna VonCulin, the director of **Puffer Child Care** in Morristown, is one of 135 early educators who worked with Let's Grow Kids and Champlain College in 2019 to gain her Vermont teaching license with an early educator endorsement.

Joanna, like many early educators, brought years of experience and specialized training to her job. Through this program, she got support preparing for the licensure process. With a teaching license, Joanna honors her experience as an early educator, is eligible for higher wages, and has greater job security.



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CHILD CARE IS GOOD BUSINESS

At **The Alchemist**, working parents receive a child care scholarship of \$26 per day, plus 13 weeks of paid leave with 100% wage replacement for new parents who have given birth.

"We offer benefits that respect and support our employees. Those benefits return to us as employers: we don't have turnover. We don't have recruitment costs. We've built a company that thrives because our employees' needs are met."

JEN KIMMICH

The Alchemist | Stowe, VT



Access to high-quality child care supports our workforce today by allowing us to retain the best talent, while ensuring that our children—tomorrow's neighbors, entrepreneurs, and employees—have the building blocks to thrive in school, work, and life.



WALTER FRAME

Trapp Family Lodge | Stowe, VT

The Whole Picture

THE CURRENT STATUS OF CHILD CARE ACCESS FOR:

INFANTS (BIRTH TO 2 YEARS OLD)

- » **69% of infants likely to need care** don't have access to any regulated programs.
- » **80% of infants likely to need care** don't have access to high-quality (4- or 5-star) programs.

TODDLERS (2-3 YEARS OLD)

- » **17% of toddlers likely to need care** don't have access to any regulated programs.
- » **46% of toddlers likely to need care** don't have access to high-quality (4- or 5-star) programs.

PRESCHOOLERS (3-4 YEARS OLD)

- » **39% of preschoolers likely to need care** don't have access to any regulated programs.*
- » **55% of preschoolers likely to need care** don't have access to high-quality (4- or 5-star) programs.*

*Preschool child care data does not include universal pre-K.

LAMOILLE COUNTY CHILDREN LIKELY TO NEED CHILD CARE:

321 Infants
186 Toddlers
367 Preschoolers

THE NUMBERS GAP

Child care spaces needed to solve the child care crisis:

- 221 for Infants
- 31 for Toddlers
- 144 for Preschoolers

Program hours of operation:

- First program opens: 6:00 AM
- Most programs open: 7:00 AM
- Most programs close: 5:30 PM
- Last program closes: 6:00 PM

Additional early childhood educators needed to join the workforce:

89 Lead Early Educators



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READ FULL REPORTS ON
CHILD CARE ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY,
PLUS WORKFORCE DEMAND, AT:

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