

Barre Pre-Kindergarten Partnerships Resource List - 7/19/10

Public Preschool Partnerships through Act 62:

http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_earlyed/prekindergarten.html

Vermont law (Act 62 passed in 2007) allows schools to use public education dollars to support pre-kindergarten programs in the school and/or in community partnerships with qualified registered homes or licensed centers.

Vermont's Quality Recognition System:

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/stars/> or www.starsstepahead.org

STARS support and technical assistance is available to registered family child care homes, preschools, licensed centers or homes and licensed after-school. Contact the new coordinators with questions: Lou Ann Beninati and Johanna Vaczy: 388-2853 or STARS@mjcvt.org

STARS applications may now be submitted to: STARS, Mary Johnson Children's Center, 81 Water St., Middlebury, VT 05753

Bright Futures Information System (BFIS):

<http://www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us/>

The Bright Futures Information System (BFIS) is an online data management and information system operated by the Child Development Division of the Department for Children and Families. Professional development information includes a course calendar, grants and instructor registry. Another source of support is the **Vermont**

Northern Lights Career Professional Development Center:

<http://northernlights.vsc.edu/bfis.html>

Family Center of Washington County:

The Family Center is a source for resources on professional development trainings and other needs for providers. Contact Dori Oatley, Resource Development Specialist: 262-3262 x 123 or dorio@fcwcv.org

Vermont's Early Childhood System:

<http://www.buildingbrightfutures.org/>

The Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council meets regularly and its Kids Ready for School Committee works to advance local pre-kindergarten opportunities. To learn more about a meeting schedule and/or to be adding to an email list of local announcements, contact Jill Murphy, CVBBF Council Coordinator: 262-3262 x113 or jillm@fcwcvt.org

CVBBF's mini-grant program can be a source of funds to for children's events, or parent or provider trainings that serve Central Vermont families. Contact Jill for information on the fall or winter application cycles.

Early Childhood Specialist, Barre Town and City Schools:

Barre Town and Barre City Schools have hired Stacie Curtis to provide consultations with child care providers involved in Act 62 partnerships with the Schools or those providers who are interested in accessing early intervention services and/or professional development trainings through the school. Contact Stacie: 476-6541 or scurtbce@u61.net

Kids Are Priority One Coalition: www.kidsarepriorityone.org

Kids Are Priority One is Vermont's early childhood coalition that works to ensure that every Vermont child gets a good start. The Coalition supports the expansion of publicly-funded pre-kindergarten partnerships and works to involve parents in the process. Contact Kelly Ault, Community Organizer: 272-0795 or kault1@earthlink.net

Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative:

www.vermontparentsforprek.org

Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative is a group of philanthropists that provide grants to communities that are ready to establish or expand pre-kindergarten partnerships with qualified child care providers. Contact Mark Sustic: 233-5293 or mrksustc@together.net or Sherry Carlson; 989-1728 or scarlson380@comcast.net