

Working Together for Vermont's Children

Kids Are Priority One is a statewide early childhood coalition that raises awareness about the needs of young children and advocates for high-quality early childhood services. Together we are committed to ensuring that all Vermont's children get the best possible start in life.

The Importance of a Good Start

At BIRTH a child's brain has not yet developed the necessary "wiring" for success in life.

INFANTS experience sights, sounds and sensations that form connections in the brain.

By AGE TWO, the brain begins to fine-tune itself, strengthening connections it uses, eliminating those it doesn't.

By AGE FIVE, 95% of the brain's connections are complete. The quality of that "wiring" depends on the quality of a child's early experiences.

This early brain development forms a child's lifelong foundation and largely determines his or her potential for future learning, success and productivity.

Our Community's Future

For every dollar invested in early childhood services, \$3 are saved in special education, criminal justice, unemployment and welfare.

Investing in our community's youngest citizens helps to ensure that they grow up to become productive members of our community. Healthy, nurtured children have the foundation they need to grow into critically thinking, contributing, caring adults.



Committed Vermonters Speaking Out

Kids Are Priority One is organizations, individuals and businesses that advocate for policies which enhance early childhood resources. As this statewide coalition grows and our voices are heard, we can begin to live the promise – that kids are a top priority in Vermont.

What We Speak Out For

- Improved availability, affordability, and quality of young children's care, health and education services
- Equitable sharing of the cost of children's services among parents, government, and the private sector
- Accurate information collection and reporting to help anticipate the needs of Vermont's young children
- A sound network of high-quality facilities and services that meet early childhood needs in Vermont

Speak Out for Vermont's Children!

Join Our Coalition – Together, We Will Be Heard.

By joining, you show state policy-makers that young children are a priority to Vermonters.

I/We want to speak out for young children through Kids Are Priority One!

Individual _____ Organization _____

Name/Organization _____

Contact (if applicable) _____

Street _____

City _____

State / Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Donations are not necessary to join but are greatly appreciated to help get our message heard. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of

\$ _____

Payable to: Windham Child Care Association/KAP1

Please mail or fax this form to:

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