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Welcome to the Professional Preparation and Development Committee

A little history...

The Professional Preparation and Development (PPD) Committee formed after Vermont's first Early Childhood Work Group retreat in 1992. At the time, visionary leaders wanted to bring together the groups, activities, and resources that supported the array of services and programs delivered to children, their families, and the adults who work with them. The PPD Committee's initial charge was to examine the issues and current state of early childhood professional development in Vermont. Recognizing the strengths and talents we shared was the first step; quickly the committee identified that limited coordination of professional development opportunities, limited knowledge across settings, and limited number of people who had individual professional development plans (IPDPs), as issues to address.

Major accomplishments...

Over the years, PPD committee members have worked hard to develop tools, products, and systems to support the professionals who work with young and school-age children, and their families in Vermont. Some notable accomplishments are The Vermont Guide to Early Childhood Careers, first edition; Planning Your Professional Growth, first edition; and the conceptual framework and RFP for Vermont's first statewide professional development system, the Northern Lights Career Development Center. The PPD is the advisory body for Northern Lights.

Meeting information and contact people ...

PPD meetings are held five times a year and are usually from 9:30-2:30. All meetings are open. Meeting dates are determined for the year and reminders are sent out via email, and in minutes. Agendas are prepared and distributed in advance of the meetings. Agenda topics are identified collectively by meeting attendees. Feel free to contact PPD facilitator, Melissa Regal Garrett: melissa.riegel-garrett@vaeyc.org to get on the mailing list to receive minutes and learn more about attending the meetings.