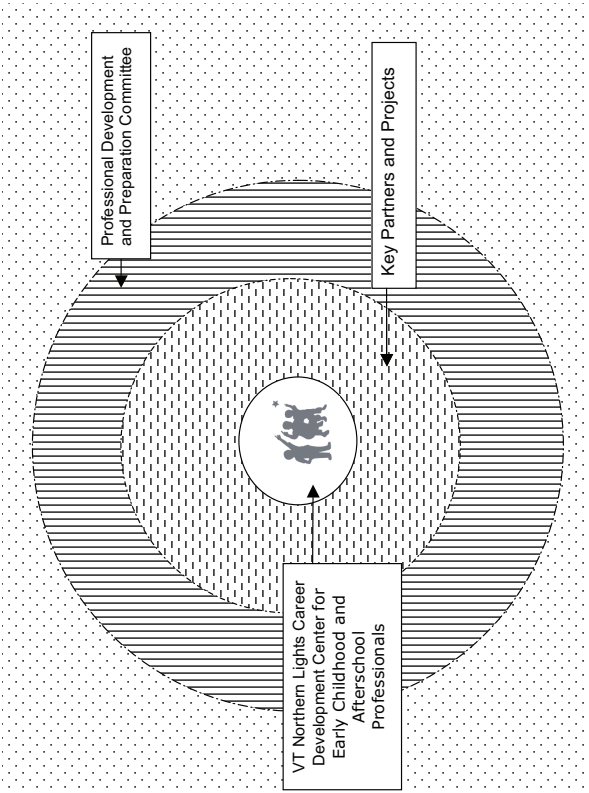


**The Coordination of the Comprehensive Early Childhood and Afterschool Professional Preparation and Development System**



The Comprehensive system includes all organizations and professionals that either benefit from or provide professional development to early childhood and after school professionals in Vermont.

The Professional Preparation and Development Committee (PPD) is a diverse body that serves as a think tank, incubator, guide, and promoter of professional development. It meets quarterly and is the advisory committee of Northern Lights CDC

The Key Partners and Projects are part of the PPD. They are accountable to other organizations or departments while working in tandem with Northern Lights staff on specific projects identified by the PPD and the Northern Lights work plan.

Northern Lights is funded by a grant from the Child Development Division of the Vermont Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with the Community College of Vermont (CCV) and the Vermont Child Care Industry and Careers Council (VCCICC). It collaborates with other professional development groups to strengthen and align curriculum and instruction, increase access at all levels, develop highly qualified instructors, and support career advising for professionals and organizations. The goal is to create an articulated system of professional development, instructor qualifications, and resources for those engaged in early childhood and after school education programs.