

Professional Preparation and Development Committee

The Professional Preparation and Development Committee formed after the first Early Childhood Workgroup meeting in 1992. For 12 years it has addressed issues, created products and highlighted the need for a well-trained early childhood and after-school professional workforce.



Mission

The mission of the Professional Preparation and Development Committee is to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated system of quality learning opportunities that gives current and prospective professionals the knowledge, skills and dispositions they need to provide the best care and education to children and families in Vermont.



Purpose

The purpose of the Professional Preparation and Development Committee is to build a community of practice that:

- ❖ *Identifies and builds on assets, and prioritizes needs for professional education*
- ❖ *Aligns professional development initiatives into a coordinated system*
- ❖ *Advocates for resources and improvements to the system, including compensation and professional recognition*
- ❖ *Fosters collegiality and mentoring and builds a community of learners*
- ❖ *Facilitates communication and collaboration among colleagues, and*
- ❖ *Promotes a culture that values ongoing professional development*



We include

- ✓ ***Regional representatives involved in professional development***
- ✓ ***Higher Education***
- ✓ ***State agencies and partners (such as Department of Education, Child Development Division, State Collaboration Office, Department for Children and Families, Vermont Department of Health, Parent Child Centers, Success by Six/Early Childhood Councils)***
- ✓ ***Head Start***
- ✓ ***Northern Lights Career Development Center***
- ✓ ***Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children***
- ✓ ***Early Childhood and Family Mental Health***
- ✓ ***Interagency Coordinating Council Professional Development Committee***