

What is a Parent Child Center?

A community-based welcoming hub of support and services that:

- Reflects and is responsive to community needs and interests
- Provides support for families at low or no cost to participants



What do Parent Child Centers Do?

- Enhance parenting skills
- Foster the healthy development and well-being of children, youth, and families
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase school readiness
- Connect families to resources
- Develop parental and community leadership
- Engage males and fathers
- Support healthy marital and couples relationships
- Promote family economic success



What are the Goals of a PCC?

- To support families to be strong, healthy and successful
- To contribute to building a strong and healthy community
- To reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by building the research-based Strengthening Families Protective Factors

PCCs work with families with an approach that is:

- Multi-generational
- Strengths-based
- Family-centered

What are the 8 Core Services of Parent Child Centers in Vermont?

- Home visits
- Early Childhood Services
- Parent Education
- Playgroups
- Parent Support Groups
- Concrete Supports
- Community Development
- Information and Referral

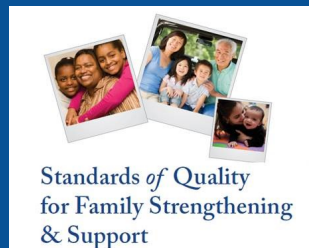


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What are the Nationally-Adopted Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support?

- Nationally-adopted standards that uniquely integrate and operationalize the Principles of Family Support Practice with the Strengthening Families Framework and its research-based evidence-informed 5 Protective Factors.
- Designed to be used by all stakeholders – public departments, foundations, community-based organizations, and families – as a tool for planning, providing, and assessing quality practice.
- Implementation ensures that families are supported and strengthened through quality practice.
- Create a common language and expectations in the Family Support Field
- Focus on 5 Core Areas of Practice:
 - Family Centeredness
 - Family Strengthening
 - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
 - Community Strengthening
 - Evaluation



Where are we NOW?

1. The Vermont Parent Child Center Network has begun to implement the nationally-adopted Standards of Quality
2. On December 6, 2019 the VT PCC Network hosted a Standards Certification Training - each PCC had 1-3 staff certified
3. In December 2019 two Vermont PCC Directors became certified Standards Trainers
4. 5 PCCs have been fully trained on the standards and have started implementation. The other PCCs will complete this process by the end of 2021.

Where are we HEADED?



1. The VT PCC Network will continue to certify PCCs and other staff across Vermont
2. Each Parent Child Centers will continue to conduct an annual self-assessment and create an Action Plan to implement the Standards of Quality

