

Childcare In the Upper Valley:

Challenges, Successes, and the Way Forward



A two-part symposium organized by Vital Communities in coordination with the Early Care & Education Association of the Upper Valley, the Corporate Council, the Couch Family Foundation, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and Municipal Leaders

Session 2: Early Care & Education: What is Working in the Upper Valley? <i>Goal: To share solutions & opportunities, and to inspire engagement</i>		
November 17, 2021: 8-9:30 am, via Zoom		
Start	Topic	Speaker/s
8:00	Welcome, Recap of Session 1, Overview of Schedule	Sarah Jackson, Vital Communities Becky Parton, Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Childcare Profession Solutions & Possibilities		
8:10	Childcare Workforce Recruitment & Retention	Amy Brooks, Early Care and Education Association of the Upper Valley
Employer Solutions		
8:20	Onsite Childcare	David Watts, Kendal at Hanover
8:25	Responding to Employees' Needs	Shaun Mulholland, City of Lebanon
Community Solutions		
8:30	Contracting Model, for Municipalities and Businesses	Rebecca Holcombe, Town of Norwich, VT
8:35	Public School Childcare in Nebraska	PBS NewsHour Video
8:40	Randolph, VT Childcare Initiative	Damian DiNicola, Randolph Economic Development Council
Philanthropy Solutions		
8:50	Philanthropists' Engagement & How Community Members Can Influence Issues that Funders Care About	Brooke Couch Freeland, Couch Family Foundation
Policy Solutions		
8:55	VT Early Childhood Alliance	Matt Levin, Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
9:00	New Futures (NH)	Rebecca Woitkowski, Esq. Kids Count
9:05	Breakout Sessions	
	- How could you or your organization be part of the solution to the childcare crisis? - We are assuming that workgroups will be a method to advance this work. Are there other strategies you would recommend?	Groups of approximately 10 participants, with pre-designated facilitators
9:25	Next Steps	Sarah Jackson, Vital Communities
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