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VPCCN is a statewide coalition of 15 community-based Parent Child Centers, noted in state statute, with a common aim to help all Vermont families have a healthy start, and to promote family and community well-being. Each PCC provides 8 core services: home visiting, early childhood services, parent education, playgroups, parent support groups, concrete supports, community development, and resources and referrals. Services are multi-generational and strength-based. Rooted in the belief that every family's voice matters, PCCs bring those voices to regional and statewide advocacy efforts.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 1986
- Year joined NFSN: 2017
- Network type: Independent Nonprofit
- Network staff: .25 FTE
- Network annual budget: \$60,000
- Funding source:
 - Earned income

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Securing/raising funds that are distributed to Members
- Marketing/public awareness activities
- Shared Data management system

Standards of Quality Implementation



STANDARDS TRAINERS

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CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

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CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALS

27

Highlights

- Successfully advocated for increased Parent Child Center (PCC) base funding to address wage and benefits gaps.
- Convened a 2-day PCC Innovations Conference, featuring creative programming offered at PCCs across the state with over 100 staff participants each day.
- Partnered with Vermont Department of Health on Parents As Teacher (PAT) evidence-based home visiting model and the expansion of the Developmental Understanding and Legal Collaboration for Everyone (DULCE) program to additional pediatric practices.
- Wove the Standards of Quality into newly developed rubrics for the 8 Core Services offered by all PCCs.
- Developed an infrastructure plan for the Network to take on management of the Integrated Grant, funded through the Vermont Agency of Human Services.
- Presented at NFSN webinars and events on the Network's Standards implementation and Peer Review Process, and strategic fatherhood engagement at PCCs.

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Network Mission Statement:

To provide collaborative leadership, advocacy, and support to achieve the best outcomes for Vermont children, youth, and families.

Members

- FRCs in state statute since: 1988
- Individuals served: 18,656 children and 17,696 parents/guardians served from January through June 2023
- Number of Members: 15 Community-Based FRCs
- Other funding sources
 - Federal Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)
 - Private foundations
 - Individual giving
 - Earned income

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Education Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities



Outcomes

- 99% of parents feel their Parent Child Center (PCC) had a positive impact on their family
- 98% of parents feel they received the help that was needed and that was right for them
- 94% of parents reported feeling stronger and more confident as a parent after working with a PCC