

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd>**THE VERMONT CHILD CARE LICENSING REGULATION REVISION PROJECT****VISION**

We shall strive to produce a comprehensive revision of the child care regulations in a manner that keeps children at the heart of our work.

**MISSION**

Set clear, objective, developmentally appropriate standards based on observable program characteristics known to protect and promote health, safety and well-being of children in out of home care.

**GOALS**

- ❖ Engage parents, providers and communities in a meaningful dialogue and consensus building
- ❖ Create regulations that are child centered, family friendly and fair to providers
- ❖ Reform 4 sets of regulations into 2: Center Based Programs and Family Child Care Homes with Registration and Licensure as two options within the same set of regulations
- ❖ Use commonly understood and consistent definitions and formats
- ❖ Create comparable alignment of standards across provider types while respecting unique characteristics of each setting
- ❖ Align with and incorporate statewide standards for: professional development (Northern Lights); and what children should know and be able to do (Vermont Early Learning Standards).
- ❖ Establish a solid foundation for continuous program quality improvement that regulated CC providers may voluntarily pursue through VT STARS
- ❖ Develop mutual accountability for administrative processes and timeframes for the both the Child Development Division and regulated CC providers

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- ❖ Be Clear, Concise, Consistent
- ❖ Align with current realities
- ❖ Create Simple and Observable Standards
- ❖ Allow time to implement significant changes
- ❖ Don't put good providers out of business
- ❖ Ensure rules are:
  - Reasonable
  - Obtainable
  - Manageable
  - Enforceable
  - Family friendly
  - Fair to providers
- ❖ KEEP THE CHILD AT THE CENTER OF ALL CONSIDERATIONS!

