

Vermont's Bright Futures Information System

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What you will learn from this presentation:

- What is BFIS?
- Who can use it?

Bright Futures Information System (BFIS)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Vermont Bright Futures Child Care Information System. The browser's address bar shows the URL: www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us/vtcc/process.do?0Mmr3gjumkz13-SgYEjWEk3%3dxguw3YEa.aU7zaju.xnn.xGOS0-OD-G0%2bSO%256UG0%256U0D.dqd. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, Child Care Benefits, Find a Provider, Become a Provider, Resources, and Contact. The main content area is titled "Welcome to Vermont Child Care Information Services" and provides information for parents, including login options for existing and new users, and a search function for finding child care providers. It also includes sections for "Need Help Paying for Child Care?" and "How to Become a Licensed or Registered Child Care Program".

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Bright Futures
Child Care Information System

Home **Child Care Benefits** Find a Provider Become a Provider Resources Contact

Welcome to Vermont Child Care Information Services.
This is the place for parents, early childhood and afterschool programs, and professionals to get answers to questions about child care and the services available to help ensure that high quality child care is available to every child in Vermont.

Bright Futures Account
Click here if you have a parent, child care program or quality-credentialing account.

First Time Login - New Case
If you have been notified by the department that your account is ready, click here to login for the first time in your new case.

Parent

Trying to Find a Child Care Provider?
Here's where you'll find up-to-date information about local child care options. Every registered child care program and every licensed center or school age care program in Vermont is in our database. Choose a town to find out about your local child care options.

Select Town: [advanced search](#)

Need Help Paying for Child Care?
Find out about state child care benefits, apply online, and track your application.

- [Benefits Information](#) - Find out what you need to qualify for a child care benefit.
- [Prescreen Tool](#) - A quick, confidential online tool to see if you qualify for child care benefits.
- [Online Application form](#)

Child Care Program

How to Become a Licensed or Registered Child Care Program
Here's where you can find out everything you need to know about becoming a registered family child care home, a licensed child care center, or a licensed school age care program.

- [Licensing Requirements](#)
- [On-Line Applications](#)
- [Licensing Forms & Documents](#)

Resources for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals

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What is it?

BFIS is Vermont's early care/education and afterschool tool. It is a data system that supports the work of many different people who care for children in Vermont.



What does it do?

BFIS does many things for child care programs, early care and afterschool providers and more. It is the:

- child care licensing tool
- child care marketing tool
- professional development calendar
- child care financial assistance (subsidy) tool
- billing tool for child care financial assistance
- And it holds professional development information for individuals

Who can use BFIS?

Anyone!

Families can use it to find child care, apply for financial assistance, report a concern about a child care program, or look at details of their current child care program

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- Provider Name (Last Name/Center Name):** [Empty text box]
- Town:** Burlington
- Distance(miles):** 5
- Program Type:** Licensed Provider
- Age Categories:**
 - Infant
 - Toddler
 - Preschool
 - School Age
- Program Participation:**
 - Food Program
 - Head Start
 - Pre-K Program
- Special Services:** [Empty checkbox]
- Accepting Referrals for Child Care:**

A **Search** button is located below the filters.

Search Results section:

Click on the "Details" link to view a provider's referral information.

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Provider Name	Contact Information	Town	Town Distance	Program Type	Last Updated	
Y Early Childhood Program at College St.	265 College Street College Street Congregational Church Burlington, VT 05401 City: Burlington (802)660-9453	Burlington	0.0 mi	Licensed Provider	11/26/2013	[Details]
Robin's Nest Childrens Center, Inc.	20 Allen Street Burlington, VT 05401 City: Burlington (802)864-8191	Burlington	0.0 mi	Licensed Provider	07/21/2014	[Details]
UVM Campus Children's Center	633 Main Street 161 "C" Bldg. Living & Learning Center Burlington, VT 05401 City: Burlington (802)656-4050	Burlington	0.0 mi	Licensed Provider	07/21/2014	[Details]

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Potential child care programs can use BFIS to apply to be a regulated program or find trainings about becoming a child care program

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Vermont Department for Children and Families' Child Care Information System. The page features a navigation menu with options: Home, Child Care Benefits, Find a Provider, Become a Provider, Resources, and Contact. The main content area is titled "Interested in Becoming a Child Care Provider?" and provides information on Vermont's licensing requirements. It lists three types of programs: Licensed Program, Registered Family Child Care Home, and Legally Exempt Child Care. Below this, a section titled "Applying to be a Provider" lists several steps: applying online to become a licensed provider, applying online to become a registered home provider, creating a provider account, downloading forms and literature, and viewing the status of an application. The browser's address bar shows the URL: www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us/vtcc/process.do?3Mmr3gjumkz13-SgYEjWekr3%3dxguw3YEa.aU7zaju.xnn.xGOS0-OD-G0-%2bSO%25UG0%256U0D.dqd. The system tray at the bottom indicates the time is 12:30 PM on 8/24/2014.

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? Interested in Becoming a Child Care Provider?

Vermont Law requires any person who provides care for children from more than two families, other than their own children, to be Registered or Licensed by the Department for Children and Families. In order to be paid by Vermont's child care subsidy program you must be approved by the Child Development Division of the Department for Children and Families. There are three ways to be approved:

- **Licensed Program:** A child care program providing care to children in any approved location. The number and ages of children served are based on available approved space and staffing qualifications, as well as play and learning equipment. A Licensed program must be inspected by the Department of Labor and Industry's Fire Safety Inspectors and must obtain a Water and Wastewater Disposal Permit from the Agency of Environmental Conservation. A Licensed program is considered a public building under Vermont Law. Types of licensed programs include: early childhood programs, school-age care, family homes and non-recurring care programs.
- **Registered Family Child Care Home:** A child care program approved only in the provider's residence, which is limited to a small number of children based on specific criteria.
- **Legally Exempt Child Care:** A child care provider caring for no more than two families. This program is for those who wish to receive payment through the state child care subsidy program in order to apply you must be associated with a family eligible for subsidy.

Applying to be a Provider

- **Apply Online to Become a Licensed Provider**
Complete an Initial Licensing Visit Request through an online form to become a licensed state provider.
- **Apply Online to Become a Registered Home Provider**
Complete the Preliminary Registered Home Provider Application through an online form to become a registered state provider.
- **Create Child Care Provider Account**
If you have received notification that your account is ready, use this link to login to your Child Care Provider Account for the first time.
- **Download Forms and Literature**
Links to the different Bureau of Child Development forms and literature available for printing and download.
- **View Status of Application**
Enter your service request ID to view the current status of a previously submitted application.

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Currently licensed and registered child care programs can use BFIS to submit annual reapplication, bill for child care financial assistance, report incidents, apply for a variance from regulations, update marketing information, and much more.

Bright Futures
Child Care Information System: Providers

Provider: Test, Record
 User: Heather Mattison
[Logout](#)

Account Summary | **Provider Demographics** | **Payment & Financial Info** | **Attendance & Invoicing** | **Resources** | **Contact**

Provider Case ID: 112488
Location Address: 1 Fairytale Lane
 Brattleboro, VT 05301
 City: Brattleboro
Last Site Visit: 08/04/2014
Application Status: New

Provider Type: Registered Home
Provider Status: Licensed
Latest Application: 04/17/2014

License Information

Certificate No	Program Type	License Start/End Dt	Capacity
48435	Registered	01/15/2012-03/01/2012	
48435	Registered	03/01/2012-03/01/2012	
48435	Registered	02/29/2012-03/01/2012	
48435	Registered	03/01/2012-03/01/2012	
48435	Registered	03/01/2012-03/21/2012	
48435	Registered	03/21/2012-03/21/2012	
48435	Registered	01/20/2012-03/21/2012	
48435	Registered	03/21/2012-07/31/2012	
48435	Registered	07/31/2012-07/31/2012	
48435	Registered	06/20/2013-06/20/2013	
48435	Registered	06/20/2013-07/11/2013	
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Staff/Associated Parties
 Select a name below to view detailed information; select "Add Staff/Associated Party" under Account Options below to add a staff member or other associated party.

Child care, early care and education, preschool, and afterschool program staff can use BFIS to record their professional development information and find trainings.

Bright Futures
Child Care Information System: Client

User: Heather Mattison [LOGOUT](#)

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"Oh, My Aching Back": Taking Care of You	Franklin/Grand Isle Counties	10/07/2014	06:30 PM	Fairfax	The Family Center of Northwestern VT	[Details]
"The Spectrum": What is it, Who is on it, and Where?	Washington County Region	11/15/2014	09:00 AM	Montpelier	Family Center of Washington County	[Details]
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Summary

BFIS is a great tool for families, child care programs, and staff who work in child care, early care, preschool or afterschool!

