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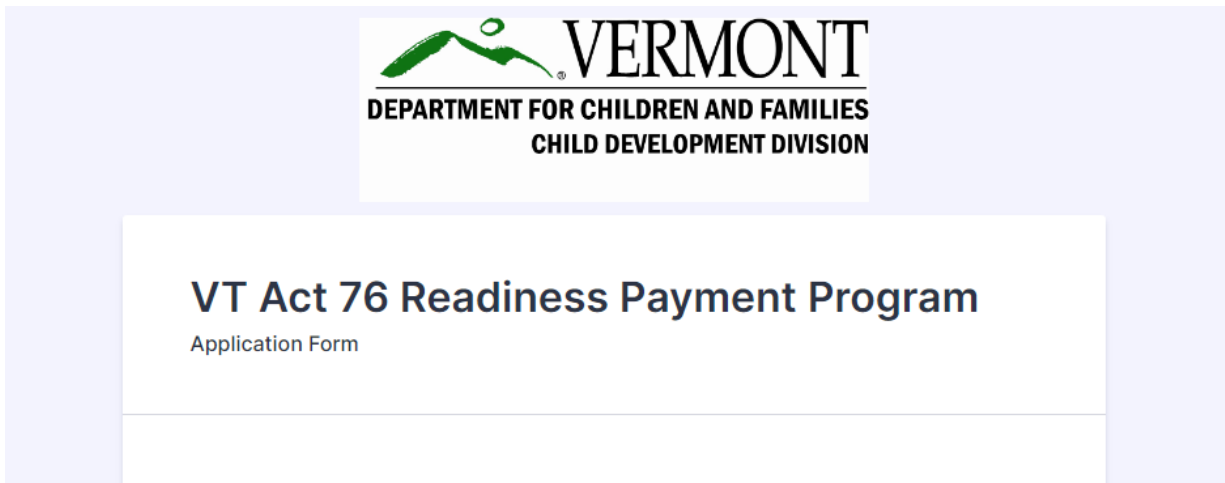
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Vermont NEWSLETTER



The Return of Make Way for Kids

We have had quite a month here at First Children's Finance Vermont! We wrapped up August with a well-attended series of office hours to answer questions about the Readiness Payments (if you couldn't make it, it's not too late to contact us with your questions!). This week we have been working hard to set up the new round of Make Way for Kids Infant and Toddler Capacity Building grants! Our first Business Leadership Cohort completed their 6 month journey together, and the next one will be starting up later this month! And we have been talking to our friends at VTAEYCas they get ready to launch the SPARQS program. All that AND we got our own kids out the door for the first day of school!

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This video answers questions about how to estimate the amount of your readiness payment and some of the things you can use it for.

Funding opportunities

As promised in the last newsletter, the [application for Readiness Payments](#) is live now. Any child care business that accepts Child Care Financial Assistance is eligible to apply for these formula payments. If you want more information, you can [find resources on the CDD webpage](#), or check out our new video in our Act 76 series.

If you wonder how much money you will get or how you can use it, check out our new [Readiness Payment video](#).

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Make Way for Kids

First Children's Finance will be hosting this round of Make Way for Kids Infant and Toddler Capacity Building grants! If you are interested in expanding your program, or starting up a new site, this grant program can help.

For more information, email us at VTgrants@firstchildrensfinance.org. Or use the [Inquiry Form](#) to tell us a little about the project you have in mind.

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Besides the readiness payments and capacity grants, there are lots of great business opportunities happening in September.

1. Bring your questions to our office hours on Monday afternoons.
2. Join our [Business Leadership Cohort](#) – just for family child care owners.
3. Register for the [Vermont Small Business Development Center “Listening to Your Child Care Business”](#) – a 2 part training, with an optional legal advice session.
4. Sign up for one of our September trainings on the [Northern Lights training calendar](#).

The Vermont Business and Technical Assistance Program (BTAP) provides expert business training, technical assistance and consulting to help start, sustain, and grow child care businesses. The BTAP is made possible through funding by the Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Child Development Division. The Vermont BTAP is a partnership between [First Children's Finance](#) and [Let's Grow Kids](#).



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