



## Let's Grow Kids Community Action Teams

For almost two years, Let's Grow Kids Campaign Ambassadors have worked together to raise awareness about the importance of the early years by tabling at events, marching in parades, and educating Vermonters. Let's Grow Kids will continue to do the important work of educating the public. However, in 2016 our Ambassadors will also begin to advocate for high-quality, affordable child care.

We've heard from hundreds of Vermonters from different communities around the state about the child care challenges they're facing. Now it's time to take action and work on solutions. **The Blue Ribbon Commission offers community members a great opportunity coalesce and organize on behalf of children to achieve high-quality, affordable child care.**

That is why this winter Let's Grow Kids will support our Ambassadors and local leaders around the state to create **Let's Grow Kids Community Action Teams**.

These teams, made up of parents, providers, clergy, business owners and community members around Vermont, will play a leadership role in their communities by organizing in support of high quality, affordable childcare by taking actions such as:

- Promote the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission and inform community members about opportunities to get involved.
- Organize their family, friends and neighbors to volunteer for activities that raises awareness about the need for high-quality, affordable child care
- Table at community events
- Get community members to tell their child care challenge stories to legislators
- Write letters to the editor in support of high quality, affordable childcare
- Organize Let's Grow Kids trainings in their community
- Help to organize and promote major events such as handing out pamphlets at Town Meeting Day

Ambassadors who join their local **LGK Community Action Teams** will develop their advocacy skills through our new training modules, working closely with their Let's Grow Kids field coordinator, to effectively advocate for the Blue Ribbon Commission in their communities. Using their field coordinators for support, the **LGK Community Action Teams** will also commit to developing their personal skills as advocates and community organizers, putting themselves in the best position possible to work toward high-quality, affordable child care for every Vermont child.

To make change in your community, please talk to your Let's Grow Kids field coordinator today!