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EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE

2016 Legislative Agenda Requests for Consideration – *Application Available Now*

The Alliance's Legislative Agenda is crafted annually in partnership with early childhood organizations that are advancing policy solutions through the legislative process. To propose an issue for possible inclusion in the 2016 Legislative Agenda or to review the timeline, prioritization tiers and scoring system, go to: <http://www.vermontearlychildhoodalliance.org/2016-agenda-setting-process>. Submissions are due by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 29th.

Alliance staff and Steering Committee members are available to help you and your organization answer questions on the form. *For assistance, contact Matt Levin, Alliance Executive Director, at 802-229-4281 or matt@vteca.org.* To learn more about the Alliance or the 2015 Legislative Agenda, go to www.vermontearlychildhoodalliance.org.

Schedule an Advocacy Skills Training/2016 Legislative Issue Review – *Available to Groups this Fall*

Are members of the early childhood community in your area looking to hone advocacy skills or become informed on early childhood issues? The Alliance staff is here to help by providing training sessions and materials. Trainings can focus on a variety of issues, including providing an understanding of the Vermont legislative process; offering tips on being effective advocates with policymakers in order to influence policy change; and, discussing early childhood issues likely to be considered during the 2016 legislative session.

Trainings are available to any group of five or more and can be tailored to the interests of the audience and time available. *To discuss ideas, contact Kelly Ault, Alliance Public Engagement Director, at 802-272-0795 or Kelly@vteca.org.*