

Vermont Legislative Summit on Child Care and Paid Leave

December 8, 2022

(In person - Room 11, Vermont State House

(Remote Access – via Zoom or YouTube)

Lt. Governor Molly Gray and House Speaker Jill Krowinski are hosting Summit of policymakers and advocates at the Vermont State House with a focus on working families, the caregiving economy, and universal access to paid family and medical leave as well as child care in Vermont.

8:30am

Registration

9:00 - 9:30am

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Lt. Governor Molly Gray

House Speaker Jill Krowinski

TBC Sen. Kirsten Gilibrand or Member of VT Congressional Delegation

9:30 - 10:30am

Panel Discussion

Back to the basics: Understanding universal paid family and medical leave and why it matters for Vermont.

This panel aims to demystify universal paid family and medical leave and identify best practices. The panel will also explore the impact of paid family and medical leave (or a lack thereof) on Vermont employers, employees, working families and marginalized groups in Vermont.

Potential Panelists (no more than 5)

Paid Leave for All (explanation of best policies and practices nationally and explanation of “universal”)

Vermont Commission on Women (Economics of women leaving the workforce, especially during pandemic)

AARP or NEK Council on Aging (why it’s important to retirees and their caregivers)

Rights & Democracy (PFML, maternal health and economic justice)

Main Street Alliance or VBSR (why it’s good for business)

Potential Moderator

Jordan Giaconia/VBSR or Lt. Governor Molly Gray

10:30 - 10:45am

Break

10:45 - 11:45am

Panel Discussion

Vermont's child care journey: Understanding access to child care in Vermont and existing funding, policy and initiatives.

This panel aims to provide an overview of child care access in Vermont, including current data and statistics, as well as existing programs, and gaps in access.

Potential Panelists

Let's Grow Kids or Coalition Member (the data)
Voices for Vermont Children (impact on child development)
Business representative (why child care is good for business)
Child care provider (recruiting and retaining employees)
Sue Minter, Capstone?

Potential Moderators

Aly Richards or House Speaker Jill Krowinski

11:45 – 12:00pm

Closing Remarks

House Speaker Jill Krowinski

Lt. Governor Molly Gray

Open issues/questions:

- Recording, YouTube and/or zoom and remote access?
- RSVP only
- Invite Senator Kirsten Gillibrand or Senator Sanders for brief remarks?