



EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

March 9, 2022
9:30 am-1:30 pm



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Early Childhood Day at the Legislature
Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Today's Agenda

Today, we will review:

- **What to expect at ECDL**
- **Basics of the VT State Legislature**
- **How bills and the budget are created**
- **How to be an effective advocate**
- **How to prepare for ECDL**

ECDL Agenda

- 9:30 am** **Welcome** – Remarks from senior state officials and co-hosts to start the day
Keynote Speaker – Pollaidh Major, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy
- 10:00 am** **Issue Session Block 1** – Learn about policy initiatives on the 2022 Legislative Agenda
- 10:55 am** **Issue Session Block 2**
- 11:50 am** **Lunch with Legislators** – Grab your lunch and sit down virtually with other advocates from your area to talk with your legislators about issues you care about
- 12: 55 pm** **Debrief and Networking** – Connect with peers to discuss policy initiatives and next steps
- 1:10 pm** **Conclusion** – Find out more about events in the virtual State House celebrating ECDL and hear closing remarks Gov. Phil Scott and Rep. Peter Welch

ECDL Logistics

In Advance:

- **Important Note About Internet Browsers:** it is strongly recommended that you use Google Chrome web browser. Do not use Internet Explorer.
- **Log in to the virtual event site well before the day of the conference.**
- **Check to make sure your internet is working well.**

Tips for Virtual Events:

- **Microphones should be muted unless you are presenting.**
- **Please make your environment as distraction-free as possible.**
- **Don't compete with others in your household for internet bandwidth if at all possible during the conference. Cameras and screen sharing use a lot of bandwidth, so if you find you have weak internet, it is suggested to turn your camera off.**

Review the Logistics Guide for more explicit instructions!

Watch this [brief video](#) about the Whova platform.

Vermont State Legislature Explained

1. Vermont has a **bicameral legislature** – the House of Representatives and the Senate – made up of **part-time citizen legislators** that represent your voice.

2. While in **Montpelier January-May**, legislators spend the majority of their time in their **committees** – assigned policy working groups that focus on specific issue areas.

3. When they aren't in their **committee rooms**, they're voting "**on the floor**" or in the **café** (where the magic happens).

VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance 2022 Legislative Agenda

- Reach Up
- Transforming Early Childhood Education
- Housing and Homelessness
- Children's Integrated Services (CIS)
- State Budgets and Expenditures
- Farm to School and Early Childhood
- Parent Child Center Integrated Grant
- Universal School Meals
- Family and Medical Leave Insurance



For more information,
visit vecaa.org/legislative-agenda

Ways to Prepare for ECDL...

- ❑ Review the ECDL Toolkit, including Issues Guide and 2022 Legislative Agenda
- ❑ Contact your legislators
- ❑ Practice telling your story

We're a Resource for You – Please Be in Touch!

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