

# VERMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

## 2024 Legislative Agenda – Requests for Consideration

Please email answers to the questions below by Thursday Sept. 21 at 12:00 pm to [matt@vecaa.org](mailto:matt@vecaa.org). Upon receipt, the Alliance will consider your submission for possible inclusion in our '24 Agenda.

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- Alliance's Structure
- 2023 Legislative Agenda
- 2024 Agenda-Setting Process

Alliance staff and Steering Committee members are available to help you and your organization answer the questions below. Our process is intended to gather information, not present challenges.

If you would prefer to submit this application verbally or through an alternative format, we would be happy to accommodate. For more information or assistance, contact Matt Levin, Alliance Executive Director, at 802-229-4281 or [matt@vecaa.org](mailto:matt@vecaa.org).

Along with answers to these questions, <u>please include</u> the name of the Sponsoring Organization(s), contact person/title, phone, email, and the suggested name of your issue/proposed initiative.		
1) Briefly describe the issue and solution/proposed initiative. What are you asking the Legislature to do?		[1 paragraph]
2) How does your issue/initiative align with the Alliance's <a href="#">mission statement</a> and issue areas?	[20 pts.]	[2-3 sentences]
3) The Alliance is committed to promoting <a href="#">diversity, equity, and inclusion</a> through its legislative advocacy. Our members and legislators expect DEI issues to be part of the discussion of any advocacy effort. How would you describe how your solution/proposed initiative would positively advance diversity, equity and inclusion in Vermont?	[10 pts.]	[3-5 short talking points]
4) What are your main talking points for how your solution/proposed initiative would positively impact Vermont's young children and families? If possible, please use data/metrics, etc. in answering.	[20 pts.]	[2 paragraphs or 3-5 short talking points]
5) Provide some public policy background and/or research that supports your issue/initiative. (Examples: academic studies, impact data, etc.)	[10 pts.]	[2-3 paragraphs]
6) List the specific internal resources/capacity and activities your organization(s) will commit to the issue/initiative and any limitations. (Examples: 2 part-time staff, 10 volunteers, email list of 80 stakeholders, annual legislative event, retaining a lobbying firm, etc.)	[15 pts.]	

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7) Describe where this issue is in the legislative process, and what the prospects are for 2024. Tell us about your goals for the biennium, and if applicable, your legislative engagement and/or your legislative champions.	[10 pts.]	[2 paragraphs]
8) Describe how you are working collaboratively with other organizations, legislators, and/or the Administration on this issue/initiative.	[15 pts.]	[1 paragraph]
9) <a href="#">Vermont's Early Childhood Action Plan (VECAP)</a> is a guiding document for policy and advocacy work in our early childhood community. Please describe any ways in which your proposal aligns with the goals, objectives, and strategies outlined in the 2021 VECAP.		[1 paragraph]
10) What specific resources and assistance are you seeking from the Alliance members and staff?		[1 paragraph]
11) If you are seeking state funding, how much, and is this for a one-time expenditure/request or an on-going one?		

*Alliance Alignment = 30 pts   Impact = 30 pts   Org. Commitment = 15 pts   Initiative development = 25 pts*