

# V E R M O N T

---

## EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

### 2026 Legislative Agenda – Requests for Consideration

Please email answers to the questions below by Friday Sept. 12 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 '26 Agenda.

Visit the [Alliance's website](#) to learn more about the:

- Alliance's Structure
- 2025 Legislative Agenda
- 2026 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).

1) Please provide the name of the Sponsoring Organization(s), contact person/title, phone, email, and the suggested name of your issue/proposed initiative.		
2) Briefly describe the issue and solution/proposed advocacy initiative. What are you asking the Legislature to do?		[1 paragraph]
3) How does your advocacy initiative align with the Alliance's <a href="#">mission statement</a> and issue areas?	[20 pts.]	[2-3 sentences]
4) 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 advocacy initiative would positively advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in Vermont?	[10 pts.]	[3-5 short talking points]
5) What are your main talking points for how your advocacy 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]
6) Provide some public policy background and/or research that supports your initiative. <i>(Examples: academic studies, impact data, etc.)</i>	[10 pts.]	[2-3 paragraphs]
7) List the specific internal resources/capacity and activities your organization(s) will commit to the initiative and any limitations. <i>(Examples: 2 part-time staff, 10 volunteers, email list of 80 stakeholders, annual legislative event, retaining a lobbying firm, etc.)</i>	[15 pts.]	

*(more)*

8) Describe where this issue is in the legislative process, and what the prospects are for 2025. Tell us about your goals for the biennium, and if applicable, your legislative engagement and/or your legislative champions.	[10 pts.]	[2 paragraphs]
9) Describe how you are working collaboratively with other organizations, legislators, and/or the Administration on this issue/initiative.	[15 pts.]	[1 paragraph]
10) Given the developing situation in Congress, we understand that your advocacy plans may be evolving. In the rest of this application, we are asking for your “business as usual” proposal, knowing that there is a great deal of uncertainty. However, to help us all prepare, please share with us some of your organization’s thinking about how you would adjust your advocacy plans if federal funding for the programs you are connected to significantly changes.		[1-2 paragraphs]
11) What specific resources and assistance are you seeking from the Alliance members and staff?		[1 paragraph]
12) 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*