



## RURAL CHILD CARE: BUILDING SUPPLY AND SUPPORT FOR HIGH QUALITY

### Interview Questions for Montana and Vermont

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1. What need did your agency identify that led to the decision to undertake a rural initiative?
2. What initiatives are you involved in now? What results or outcomes are you seeing/expecting/hoping for? What metrics/data are you tracking about these initiatives?
3. Who are your partners? How is child care resource and referral (CCR&R) involved in your State?
4. Thinking about Reauthorization and responding to the CCDF Plan Preprint, where do you plan to include these initiatives?
5. How are you paying for them: Quality, Subsidy, or both? Are you using grants/contracts with providers? If yes, are these for specific slots (or are you guaranteeing families a space)? What incentives have you considered/included? Did they work?
6. Are these rural initiatives connected to other supply building such as for infant/toddler care, families experiencing homelessness, or extended/nontraditional hours?

**Links**

**Montana:** Patty Butler  
<http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/ChildCare.aspx>

**Vermont:** Jan Walker <http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd>

**Small Group Discussion Notes**

Family Child Care Networks	Child Care Resource and Referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulated and exempt care</li> <li>• Shared services</li> <li>• Partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referral and Consumer Education</li> <li>• Training and Professional Development</li> <li>• Technical Assistance and Coaching</li> <li>• Shared services</li> </ul>
Incentives	Comprehensive Supply Building Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment rates</li> <li>• Wage supplements</li> <li>• Grants/contracts</li> <li>• Scholarships</li> <li>• Tax credits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Across settings – center, group home, etc.</li> <li>• Across needs - infant/toddler care, school-age care, special needs, nontraditional hours</li> </ul>

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