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**A Program of
Building Bright Futures**

**The Monthly Data Monitor (Issue 4)
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An online platform helping you publish and access data about Vermont's children, families, and communities.

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Business Plan

In January 2017, a business plan for Vermont Insights will be presented to the Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council. The plan links Building Bright Futures' mission to Vermont Insights and specifies a business model required for sustainability.
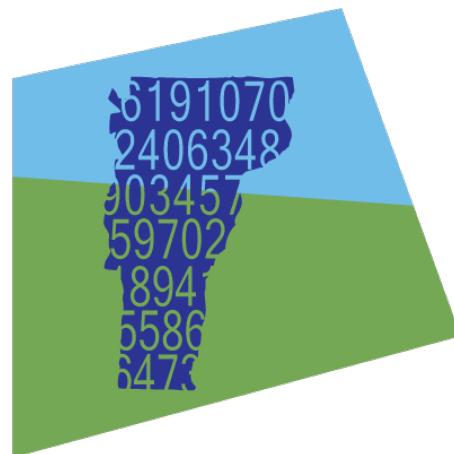
Building Bright Futures' Executive Director, Sarah Squirrell, noted: "This process offered Building Bright Futures an opportunity to step back and look at how far we have come in the development of this valuable asset, Vermont Insights, and how to leverage that investment into a sustainable asset for the early childhood system into the future."
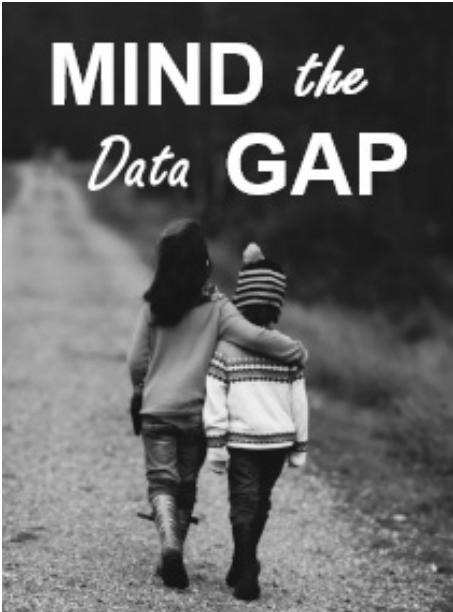
Future issues of this newsletter will discuss the implementation of the business plan, including successes and challenges.

Continued Partnership with the Vermont State Data Center, UVM

Building Bright Futures and the **Vermont State Data Center (VT SDC)**, hosted by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont, entered into a formal collaboration agreement in October 2016.

Michael Moser, Coordinator of VT SDC states, "In 2014 we discovered the excellent work of Building Bright Futures' Vermont Insights team and their development of a web-based product that met and surpassed VT SDC's data portal goals. In an effort to contribute to the long-term viability of Vermont Insights, the VT SDC is contributing $20,000 for FY17 as well as support for outreach, training,

and end-user input into VI's design, content and functionality."

Mind the (Data) Gap: The Impact of Substance Use Disorder on Young Children and Families

Substance use (e.g., alcohol, tobacco and opiates) can have profound impacts on young children and families. To help Building Bright Futures understand and respond to this important issue, accurate and reliable data about substance use is needed at the state and local levels. Vermont Insights is putting together a "Mind the (Data) Gap" report, which:

* defines key early childhood policy questions, asked by stakeholders, related to substance use;

* reports on the strengths and limitations of available data that would help answer those questions, and;

* offers recommendations to bridge data gaps and sustain data assets.

In **January 2017**, the report's findings will be presented to the newly formed Building Bright Futures State Advisory Committee (SAC) Task Force on Substance Use and the Opiate Epidemic: Impact on Vermont Children. Read the project summary below.

Project Summary

New Reports

Immunizations (19 to 35 Months)
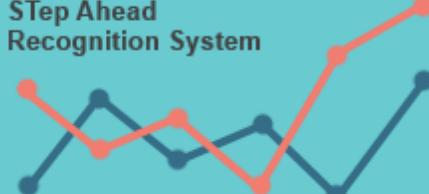
Summary: This report shows the count and percentage of children, ages 19 to 35 months, who received the full recommended immunization series (4:3:1:4:3:1:4) between 2013 and 2015. In 2015, 75.6% of Vermont's children in this age group received the full recommended immunization series. Grand Isle County (76.34%) and Chittenden County (70.25%) had the highest percentage among all counties.

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Popular Reports

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Data Spotlight

Teenage Pregnancy

A recent **study** in the Journal of Adolescent Medicine suggests teenage pregnancy is down nationwide due to increased use of effective contraceptives. In 2012, Vermont was one of the ten states with the lowest birth rates (16.3 births per 1,000 females) for teens between 15 and 19 years old. The U.S. rate was 29.4 births per 1,000 females for the same age group and year.

Visit Vermont Insights' live birth rate report below.

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Coming Soon

5-Year American Community Survey (ACS) Updates

The 2011-2015 ACS results were released by the United States Census Bureau on December 8, 2016.
The Vermont Insights team is updating over 40 reports on Vermont Insights with the newest ACS findings. Updates are scheduled for release on **www.vermontinsights.org** in **January 2017.**

Infants and Toddlers Likely to Need Care Without Access to (High-Quality) Regulated Child Care Programs

Developed by [Let's Grow Kids](#), this report will display estimated counts and percentages of infants and toddlers in Vermont who likely need care but do not have access to (high-quality) regulated care programs. Data filters will include geography, age groups, and STep Ahead Recognition System (STARS) ratings. Publication of the report is scheduled for **January 2017**.

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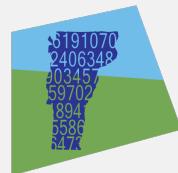
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