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Committees

<http://northernlights.vsc.edu/committees.html>

Professional Development

<http://northernlights.vsc.edu/bfis.html>

Credentials

<http://northernlights.vsc.edu/credentials.html>

Home page

<http://northernlightscdc.org>

Curricula

<http://northernlights.vsc.edu/curriculum.html>

Afterschool Professionals

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Welcome to the first edition of The Star Atlas! Please pass it on (hint: cut-and-paste works too). If there is information you would like to see featured in our next edition, please let us know. We especially welcome your Frequently Asked Questions! (See page 2)

Website Updates

The Northern Lights website is updated regularly. Visit soon to see what's new! <http://northernlightscdc.org>

- We've added information about the various statewide committees that support professional development for early childhood and afterschool practitioners. Search **Committees**
- We've made it easier to join the Bright Futures Information System (BFIS) professional development loop! Find updated information for Sponsors and Individuals. Search **Professional Development**
- We've added lots of new information about the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA). Search **Credentials**
- Looking for upcoming conferences or special courses? Find these announced at the bottom of the **Homepage**. We also update the list of courses that support the Program Director Credential. Search **Credentials**
- The 2008 *Fundamentals for Early Childhood Professionals* with information for students and instructors. Search **Curricula**
- The NEW documentation of Professional Development Forms completed for Level II workshops are on the secure web pages **Contact Northern Lights (802)241-4661**
- We've added more information for Afterschool Professionals, including Courses, Competencies and Contacts! Search **Afterschool Professionals**
- Find exactly what you're looking for on our website by looking at the **Site Plan**. We recently pulled the Career Ladder out of the Career Guide and added it here so it is easier to find!
- We've updated our Technical Assistance, Financial Support and Additional Resources and Links information. Search **Resources**



RECORD SPECIALISTS EXTRORDINAIRE
Sylvia Kennedy-Godin (left)
and
Jeanie Gilman (right)

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to take *another* Child Development or Curriculum course to get my Program Director Credential? I already had these courses when I was in college! No, you don't. If you have taken any of the required courses in the past, just include a copy of your transcripts with your application!

Where do I get a Program Director Credential Application? On our website! Go to <http://northernlightscdc.org> and click on **Credentials**.

How does my professional development attendance get into the Bright Futures information System? Organizations that sponsor professional development send their attendance records to the Vermont Northern Lights Career Development Center. Sylvia and Jeanie then enter your attendance into your BFIS Quality and Credential account! You can access your account information online to track and maintain your professional development records.

Where do I get an application for Level I, II or III? On our website! <http://northernlightscdc.org> Click on the **Career Ladder** page.

Did You Know?

Northern Lights Staff

The Northern Lights team includes two record specialists! These are the folks who painstakingly enter Course Calendar and attendance information into the BFIS system. They are both working out of our Waterbury office, and are always ready to help in any way they can. Please join us in thanking Sylvia Kennedy-Godin and Jeanie Gilman for all their hard work. Information can be sent to them via this mailbox address: professional.development@ccv.edu

Afterschool Announcements The Afterschool Framework Committee is finalizing the plans for an Afterschool Professional Credential and a Foundation Certificate for those new to the field. The Afterschool Conference will be held in Killington in the fall. This annual conference brings together all afterschool providers in Vermont regardless of funding source or organizational structure.

Survey Results The Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Competencies workgroup received almost 200 completed surveys from those working with young children with social/emotional or behavioral challenges. Findings include a need for more early childhood mental health professionals, and an interest in a credential related to early childhood mental health. Survey results will be detailed in the next issue!

Get Connected! Northern Lights has developed a FREE face-to-face guided internet tour of the Northern Lights Website, BFIS professional development system, and more! Participants can let their fingers do the walking via individual computer access. To bring this FREE training to your community call Maureen Young-McCarthy @ (802) 885-8374

Other FREE trainings Northern Lights can offer in your area:

- Orientation to Adult Learning
- Instructor Registry Party!
- My professional development- where can I go and how might I get there?
- Creating my Individual Development Professional Plan (IPDP) using core competencies

Contact us to set it up: (802) 241-4661

...or let us know if you have another one in mind ...



Level 1 Certificate

Chittenden- Holly Ford

Franklin- Jana Weber, Yvonne Gilpin, Patricia Lykens

Program Director Credential Step 1 **Addison**

Geralyn Barrows, Rebecca Bertrand, Cathy Charlebois, Jennifer Peck

Bennington

Christine Croff, Nancy Noel

Chittenden

Laura Lee Butler, Jami Parrow, Annette Fitzpatrick

Caledonia

Bethany Hale, Brooke Pierce, Theresa Stevens

Lamoille

Nicole Walker

Orange

Susan Mascola, Meri Saladino, Carrie Tuttle

Orleans

Rhoda Barnett

Rutland

Wendy Savery

Washington

Kathleen Burroughs, Tina Grant, Joyce Wheeler

Windham

Victoria Grahame, Karen Hausrath, Heather Newell

Windsor

Valery Raney, Vicki Covell, Krista Harris, Amy Packer, Jodi Farashahi, Alison Colburn

Program Director Credential Step 2

Bennington- Nancy Noel

Instructor Registry **(New Listings)**

Marlies Zammuto, Peggy Rainville, Deb Parrella, Holley Burfoot-Rochford, Lisa Aschbacher, Anne Briccetti, Cathy Siggins, Kate Rogers, Tamara Stagner, Christina Blais, Jennifer Kennan Wolfe, Mary Anderson, Elise Anton

Coming Soon!

Foundations of Early Learning (FEL) Vermont was recently awarded two technical assistance grants from nationally renowned training centers: The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) and the Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL). Foundations for Early Learning represents the integration of these two grants into a five year training program for Vermont's early childhood community that will support the social/emotional development and early language/literacy learning of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. This professional development opportunity will take place throughout Vermont, with the Northeast region being the first area of the state to receive the train the trainer model beginning this summer.

Vermont's Infant Toddler Learning Guidelines are being created by several interconnected workgroups in the state. The work is being led by Janice Stockman and a leadership team. The new guidelines will be called *First Steps: Guiding the development and learning of Vermont's infants and toddlers*.

Online Courses Don't let distance or the price of gasoline stop you from taking courses at your local community college! The following courses support the Program Director Credential and will be offered **online** through CCV in the fall: Program Management for Early Childhood Education, Human Resource Management, Child Development, Adolescent Development, and Infant/Toddler Development. Call 802-334-4451 for more information.

AA to BA? VT colleges will be sharing what they are doing to help early childhood students complete their Bachelor's Degree at the **Friday, June 27** Professional Preparation and Development (PPD) Committee meeting. This committee is the advisory body for Northern Lights, and meetings are free and open. Other agenda items this June include reporting on Northern Lights' activities of this past year and asking your advice about future activities. The meeting is at the Wilder CCV site from 9:30-3:00 Contact Janice Stockman (jjstock@sover.net) to get on the mailing list.

Northern Lights Pins – and ribbons! We want to recognize your professional development. Look for the special Northern Lights pins and information on how to get yours! In addition ribbons will be awarded to those in the Instructor Registry and those who achieve Program Director Credentials.

