

Comparing Vermont's Climate Economy and its Child Care Economy

Factors	Climate Change	Child Care	
✓	The Science	Credible, reliable climate science offers clear picture of what contributes and how to reverse	Irrefutable brain science offers a clear blueprint of what contributes to healthy (and unhealthy) child development
✓	Serious economic consequences	Rebuilding & preparing for extreme weather events	Increased need & costs for special education
✓	Unsustainable path indicators	Melting glaciers & rising waters	50% of kids not ready for kindergarten
✓	Act now: We cannot afford to wait	Save our air, water, food	Invest in the early years for our children
✗	ONE difference: Level of control	Vermont is a leader in addressing climate change, but mitigating its effects is largely dependent on other states and countries.	Vermont is in full control of its destiny. We can reverse the trends by making smart, strategic investments in the early years for a healthy economy.