



(formerly VSA Vermont)

Start With The Arts Family & Community Engagement Program Fall 2020
Application Deadline *September 15, 2020*
session begins mid-October 2020

****Please note: due to the NO VISITOR CDC childcare guideline
All sessions will be held online****

Inclusive Arts Vermont's Start With The Arts Family & Community Engagement Program was designed specifically for childcare providers who have already completed our Start with the Arts program!

This is a free 22* week program where providers will engage with their childcare families in arts based literacy activities, with weekly support provided online by one of our Start with the Arts teaching artists. The program includes 5, 2 hour online professional development gatherings developed to support you in including your families in simple arts based literacy activities. These will be held over the course of the program, outside of childcare hours, with flexible scheduling. The very first gathering will be held before any of the actual work with families begins so you will start out with solid ideas of how to engage families in simple arts based activities. (*without breaks or cancellations, could run longer depending on provider schedules)

With support, providers will create, deliver and document simple family engagement arts based literacy activities at least once a week. You will be starting with very simple, quick activities that can be done on the way out the door, and progressing towards families reading and exploring the arts at home with their children. A family gathering is included to introduce the families to the program and to inspire them to participate fully. We have also included a library engagement component, where families earn incentives for visiting their child care provider's local library. Providers will earn **18** hours of professional development for completing the program.

Criteria for participating providers: * SWTA alumni *STARS provider *Interested in family engagement *Willing to commit to the entire program *Application completed

We have a limited number of openings for the upcoming fall session which begins mid- October. Applications are due no later than September 15, 2020. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Peggy Rainville, Director of Children's Programming, Inclusive Arts Vermont,
peggy@inclusiveartsvermont.org



**inclusive
arts
vermont**

**Start with the Arts Family & Community Engagement Program (FCEP)
Provider Application Fall 2020**

***Please complete the application and return no later than September 15, 2020.
The program begins mid-October***

Return either by email to: peggy@inclusiveartsvermont.org
or mail to Inclusive Arts Vermont, attn: Peggy Rainville, Director of Children's
Programming, 21 Carmichael Street, Suite 206, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

When did you participate in the Start with the Arts program?

How many STARS does your program have? ____ Are you a specialized care
provider? Y/N

Total number of children enrolled: _____ total number of children ages
0-5: _____ total number of families of children aged 0-5: _____

What do you think are the ingredients needed for a great partnership with families
and child care providers?

What strengths do family members bring to early childhood education?

What strengths do you bring to creating supportive relationships with families?

What early childhood networks are you connected to?

Are you connected with your local library?

How will you use the professional development hours earned?

Can you access online virtual platforms at your site? Y/N
please circle preferred platform: zoom/duo/google meeting/facetime

SWTA FCEP is a program *provided free* to child care providers. The monetary value of this program is approximately \$4000.00 per site! Inclusive Arts Vermont does not charge providers a fee, however, providers do have to invest their time and commit to the program. The *entire* program must be completed to earn the professional development hours, no partial credit is given. Participating child care providers who complete this program will receive 18 hours of professional development. Inclusive Arts Vermont must report to our funders about the program, and to receive continued funding we need to have committed providers participating. This is a paid position for our teaching artists and they depend on your commitment as well.

By signing below you agree to commit to the complete program and submit documents as requested by Inclusive Arts Vermont.

Signature: _____ date: _____

Please complete the application and return no later than September 15, 2020

date received: