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**The State Organization  
on Arts and Disability**



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*VSA Vermont uses the magic of the arts to engage the capabilities and enhance the confidence of children and adults with disabilities.*

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR START WITH THE ARTS

VSA Vermont is currently accepting applications for its fall semester of **Start With The Arts: a professional development program for childcare providers**. This experiential, on-site, inclusive arts-based literacy program is offered for no cost to providers and the children they care for, ages 0-5. By the end of the program, providers have the inspiration and confidence to continue the use of the model on their own.

*“I am thinking more outside of the box. Children in my care are more confident, creative, and are taking liberties and trying new things.”* -Past Participant

Providers completing Start With The Arts are eligible to receive professional development hours applicable to STARS or any registration requirements, including Advanced Specialized Care training.

**New this year, VSA Vermont has opportunities for past providers to participate again.**

- **Family & Community Engagement** offers second-tier professional development, adding to the original program concepts. Family & Community Engagement seeks to increase positive interactions between children and adults and between childcare providers and families, while building new skills for the provider.
- The original Start With The Arts program includes **new content focused on social and emotional learning** while maintaining its roots in arts-based literacy.

Home-based childcare providers serving children ages 0-5 who want to increase their program quality, learn how to deeply engage with children in their care, families, and the community, and earn free hours towards STARS and Advanced Specialized Care status are strongly encouraged to apply. With teaching artists in every region of Vermont, VSA VT welcomes all applicants from all areas.

**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until 9/15/18.  
For more information and to apply, contact Peggy Rainville:**

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- [Application download](#)





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capabilities and enhance the confidence of children and adults with disabilities.***



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