

## Local Resources

### **Children with Special Health Needs (CSHN)**

Department of Children & Families  
Asa Bloomer Building  
Rutland, VT 05701

**Burlington: 802-863-7338**

**Rutland: 802-786-5817**

Since 1914, Vermont has offered medical, social and financial support to families with a child who has special health needs. To qualify for services an individual must be a Vermont resident, have a medically eligible condition and be less than 21 years of age. CSHN services include:

- Specialty clinics
- Medical and developmental diagnosis and treatment
- Referrals and assistance in obtaining services from other medical, educational and community agencies
- Care coordination
- Assistance in finding financial resources to help pay for care
- Limited financial assistance for specialized medical care, equipment and supplies, medications and tests, respite care, lodging and transportation, in-patient and outpatient care.

To make a referral, to apply for services, or for more information contact the local CSHN office.

[www.dcf.vermont.gov](http://www.dcf.vermont.gov)

### **Child Development Clinic (CDC)**

**802-786-5811**

Asa Bloomer Building  
suite 300  
Rutland, VT 05701

The Child Development Clinic is a medical and public health program for children who have suspected developmental delay or disability. To be eligible the child must be a resident of Vermont and under 8 years of age. The clinic offers evaluation and follow-up services, encouraging early identification for children with potential handicaps. There is no cost to families for CDC visits. The clinic attempts to cooperate closely with local educational and other intervention programs for infants and young children.

[www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)

### **Head Start (formerly Children's Upstream Services )**

**802-775-8225**

Rutland Mental Health Services  
P.O. Box 222  
Rutland, VT 05702

A program of Community Care Network, the mission of Rutland County Head Start is to prepare children for a successful school experience through comprehensive, integrated, family-centered early childhood services including health and nutrition services, mental health services, community outreach, disability services and child care.

[www.rchscen.org](http://www.rchscen.org)

**Children's Integrated Services (CIS)****802-773-4365 ext.111**

88 Park Street  
Rutland, VT 05701

Children's Integrated Services recognizes the benefit of early intervention services for young children, birth to three years of age. Any family with concerns about their child's development is entitled to a free developmental evaluation. To be eligible for early intervention services a child must exhibit a delay or have a medical condition which has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay.

[www.dcf.vermont.gov](http://www.dcf.vermont.gov)

**Katie Beckett Program****800-445-5394**

The Katie Beckett Program is a special Medicaid program for children from birth to 18 years with a disability who do not qualify for regular Medicaid because the family earnings exceed the income limit. The coverage is for the disabled child only and can be used as a secondary insurance that would cover co-payments or medical expenses that a primary insurance will not cover. Coverage may also include out-of-state expenses such as hotel, mileage, parking, and daily food expenses incurred when taking the child to a medical appointment or when the child is hospitalized. In order to receive reimbursement for out-of-state expenses prior authorization must be obtained by calling the Medicaid Transportation office in Rutland at 747-3502. This program does not look at the financial situation of the parents only the child's income and resources are considered when determining eligibility. To obtain an application call the Health Access Eligibility Unit at 800-250-8427 and ask for a Katie Beckett Program application.

If a family does not have a primary insurance, then they might qualify for the Dr. Dynasaur health insurance program. For information on Dr. Dynasaur please call 800-250-8427.

[www.dcf.vermont.gov](http://www.dcf.vermont.gov)

**Vermont Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program****800-537-0076**

108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70  
Burlington, VT 05402

VTEHDI works with hospitals and other community providers, such as early head start, homebirth midwives and primary care professionals to provide newborn and early periodic hearing screenings. The program provides support, training, and case management to families and their babies, and to community providers. These partnerships ensure timely referrals for diagnostic testing and early intervention services.

[www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)

**Bayada Pediatrics****802-775-7272**

2 South Main Street  
Rutland, VT 05701

Depending on your child's plan of care and your insurance Bayada Pediatrics can provide one-on-one nursing care up to 24 hours per day. Care can be provided for severe asthma, cancer care, seizure disorder monitoring, etc. and they will coordinate with your child's physician, case manager or current home care provider to ensure your child receives the best care possible.

[www.bayada.com/pediatrics](http://www.bayada.com/pediatrics)

**Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association****802-775-0568**

7 Albert Cree Drive

Rutland, VT 05701

Personal care services are an entitled service for children under 21 years of age who are eligible for Medicaid and for whom a physician indicates that this service is medically necessary. To request personal care services the child's primary physician must send a letter of request to the Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA), to the home health agency who will provide the service, and to the family. When the request is approved the personal care attendant will assist the child and family with personal care activities.

[www.ravnah.org](http://www.ravnah.org)**Vermont Assistive Technology Project****800-750-6355**

103 South Main Street, Weeks Building

**802-241-2620 (voice/TTY)**

Waterbury, VT 05671-2308

The Vermont Assistive Technology Project is designed to increase awareness of, access to, and funding for all types of assistive technology for Vermonters of all ages with disabilities. Assistive technology is any device or related service that improves a person's ability to be independent at home, at work, at school or at play. Visit their website [www.vt.AT4ALL.com](http://www.vt.AT4ALL.com) for additional information and links to downloadable brochures or call 1-802-241-2620 to request brochures.

[www.atp.vermont.gov](http://www.atp.vermont.gov)**Vermont Assistive Technology Tryout Center****786-3866**

190 Asa Bloomer Building

Rutland, VT 05701

Vermont Assistive Technology Tryout Centers provide demonstrations, short-term equipment loans, group trainings and technical assistance around the latest technology. Services are available to consumers, caregivers, educators, and service provider teams. Training sessions are available onsite or at the Assistive Technology Tryout Center. Contact Ben Wimett at [ben.wimett@partner.vermont.gov](mailto:ben.wimett@partner.vermont.gov) to schedule an appointment.

**Vermont Parent/Infant Program****802-229-0100****9 West Street****Montpelier, VT 05602**

When parents learn that their baby may be deaf or hard of hearing, it can be overwhelming at first. There are many providers, resources and choices available to them in Vermont. Parents have a right to reliable, appropriate, and understandable information, so that they can make informed choices about options and services that are best for their child and family. **The services of the Parent Infant Program are provided at no cost to the families.** Our Parent Advisors are specially trained to work with babies from birth to 3 years of age with hearing loss and their families. We make in-person visits to family homes and daycare facilities, to assess needs and evaluate ways to enhance children's development.

[www.9east.net](http://www.9east.net)

**Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health**  
**600 Blair Park Road**  
**Williston, VT 05495**

**800-639-6071**  
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The Vermont Federation for Children's Mental Health exists to support families and children where a child or youth up to age 22 is experiencing or is at risk to experience emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges.

The Federation is committed to:

- Providing families needed emotional and information support
- Advocating for families and children to receive needed supports and services
- Promoting the creation of a full array of easily accessible high quality, family centered services needed on a state and local level.

[www.vffcmh.org](http://www.vffcmh.org)

### **Vermont Community Public Health**

Our offices around the state provide essential health promotion and disease prevention services working in partnership with local health care providers, voluntary agencies, schools, business and community organizations. Public health nurses, nutritionists and outreach workers at the local level, provide community-based programs, which are outlined below.

The following services are available through the **Rutland District Office** located at **88 Merchants Row, #300**. Please call **786-5811** or **800-253-8802** for further information.

Eligibility screening programs such as food stamps, Reach Up and Medicaid programs.

EPSDT: the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program for Dr. Dynasaur-eligible children.

Healthy Babies, Kids & Families: Health care and support services through pregnancy and delivery and for infants and children from birth to 5 years.

Ladies First: screening for breast cancer, cervical cancer and cardiovascular disease for women 21 and over who meet income guidelines. Please call 800-508-2212 for more information.

Lead Poisoning Prevention information

School Health

Refugee Health

Environmental Health

Disease Investigations

Emergency Preparedness

WIC: the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

[www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)

### **Women, Infants & Children (WIC)**

**800-464-4343**

The goal of WIC is to improve health by teaching families about good nutritional practices and providing nutritious foods to eligible Vermonters. WIC clinics are held in 62 locations throughout Vermont. The following services are provided at every clinic: health education and nutrition counseling, screening for selected health problems, development of a tailored package of food to meet the participant's individual health needs, and in some cases, referrals to social and medical services. With the eWIC card, you can shop when it's convenient for you and choose from a wide variety of WIC approved foods at **major grocery stores and some smaller stores**. Participants who are considered to be at risk for health problems related to their nutritional status may receive additional services including home visits or special counseling. Women who are breastfeeding receive additional support and educational materials. Pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to age 5 can be eligible for WIC if their household income is less than \$893 per week for a family of four. Woman

and children must be residents of Vermont, and meet income and health or nutrition guidelines to be eligible for WIC. Fathers, grandparents and foster parents may apply for children who are in their care. [www.healthvermont.gov/family/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/family/wic)

**Advocacy, Resources, Community (ARC) Rutland Area**

**802-775-1370**

128 Merchants Row, suite 302  
Rutland, VT 05701

The mission of ARC is to advocate for and serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. This website can provide you with information and support in all settings: at home, on the job, in the classroom and in the community.

[www.autismnow.org](http://www.autismnow.org)  
[www.arcrutlandarea.org](http://www.arcrutlandarea.org)

**Vermont Association for Blind and Visually Impaired**

**802-775-6452**

80 West Street, suite 202  
Rutland, VT 05701

The VABVI provides direct services, consultation services, assessments and hands-on training for children (from birth to 22), teaching them skills that are unique to children with visual impairments. We are dedicated to providing the support, tools and materials necessary for Vermont's children who are blind or visually impaired to succeed.

[www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org)

**National Down Syndrome Society**

**800-232-6372**

NDSS is a national advocacy organization for Down Syndrome and provides leadership in all areas of concern related to persons with Down Syndrome and their families. This website provides resource guides including an overview of Down Syndrome, early intervention therapies and finding support for families available in several languages.

[www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org)

**Spina Bifida Collaborative Care Program**

**802-847-8840**

(Pediatric -18)  
UVM Medical Center  
Children's Specialty Center, 4th Fl. E. Pavilion  
111 Colchester Ave.  
Burlington, VT 05401

**Vermont Center for Independent Living**

**802-229-0501**

11 East Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

**Vermont Center for Independent Living**

**802-779-0088**

1 Scale Avenue, #30  
Rutland, VT 05701

The Vermont Centers for Independent Living work to promote the dignity, independence, and civil rights of Vermonters with disabilities. VCIL is committed to cross-disability services, the promotion of active citizenship, and working with others to create services that support self-determination and full participation in community life.

[www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

**Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont****802-775-1686**56 Merchants Row  
Rutland, VT 05701

The Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont is a non-profit, statewide organization dedicated to the prevention and control of epilepsy and its consequences, and to helping persons with epilepsy, their families, and other concerned individuals overcome the problems and misunderstanding associated with this condition. The Epilepsy Foundation is an affiliate in good standing with the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

[www.epilepsyvt.org](http://www.epilepsyvt.org)**Vermont Family Network****802-7732023**

88 Merchants Row

Rutland, VT 05701

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. To this end, we offer services and support related to early childhood, health, mental health, general education, special education, transition, and specific disabilities as well as connection with other families and family support teams.

[www.vermontfamilynetwork.org](http://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org)**Kids Vermont****802-985-5482**P.O. Box 1184  
Burlington, VT 05402

This website includes a calendar of up-coming events around the state of Vermont as well as links to summer camps for music, theater, circus, ballet, etc., a blog with articles written by parents and teens, a magazine and other family resources.

[www.kidsvt.com](http://www.kidsvt.com)**Vermont Achievement Center****802-747-4365**88 Park Street  
Rutland, VT 05701**Child care referrals: 802-747-0033**

The VAC provides services and information that helps improve the lives of families, children and the people who care for them through their Child Care Support Service. Staff are available to assist with matters related to finding and paying for quality child care, specialized child care, starting a child care program, or education and information related to child care. Payments are made directly to the providers. You may apply for assistance on-line or print the application and fax to 802-773-9656.

[www.vacvt.com](http://www.vacvt.com)**Community Care Network****775-2381 or 747-7696**Rutland Mental Health Services  
P.O. Box 222  
78 South Main Street  
Rutland, VT 05701**802-773-4225**[www.rmhsccn.org](http://www.rmhsccn.org)

This website provides links to other state and local agencies providing autism support, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities.

The Community Care Network includes:

**Community Access Program** (802-775-0828) assists individuals with developmental disabilities in achieving their personal goals. Services are provided in a variety of settings throughout Rutland and

neighboring counties. Program staff works together with families and other providers to support each individual's right to live in and be a valued, respected member of the community.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

**866-690-1944**

330 Asa Bloomer Building  
Rutland, VT 05701

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program for people with disabilities administered by the Social Service Administration. When a child is found eligible they are automatically eligible for Medicaid and will receive a monthly SSI check. Eligibility is based on the assessment of a child's disability as well as the family's (including the child's) earned and unearned income, resources and assets. For more information on SSI and how to apply you may contact the local social security office or go to the website.

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**Vermont Legal Aid**

57 North Main Street, #2  
Rutland, VT 05701

**802-775-0021**

Vermont Legal Aid is a non-profit law firm organized into specialized projects serving clients throughout Vermont. Legal Aid helps Vermonters who have low incomes, are elderly or who have disabilities and who have legal problems. There is no charge for services.

[www.vtlegalaid.org](http://www.vtlegalaid.org)

**Rutland County Parent Child Center**

61 Pleasant Street  
Rutland, VT 05701

**802-775-9711**

**800-480-9711**

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is one of 15 centers throughout the state where parents find many of the services that are right for them, along with referrals to other resources and a chance to build their own connections to the community. RCPCC offers quality caring support for children, youth and families in Rutland County. All Vermont parent child centers offer eight core services:

- Home visiting
- Early childhood programs
- Parent support
- On-site services
- Playgroups
- Information and referrals
- Community development

[www.rcpcc.org](http://www.rcpcc.org)

**Vermont Educational Surrogate Program (VESPP)**

**802-479-1030**

Vt. Agency of Education  
219 North Main Street, suite 402  
Barre, VT 05641

The Vermont Educational Surrogate Parent Program provides training and support volunteers who fill the parent's role in the special education process for students who are in the care of the state or whose parents are unavailable.

[www.education.vermont.gov](http://www.education.vermont.gov)

For children in state custody please contact Ernest Wheeler at 802-479-1252 or at [ernest.wheeler@vermont.gov](mailto:ernest.wheeler@vermont.gov)

**Kids on the Move****802-775-7612**

7 Albert Cree Drive  
Rutland, VT 05701

Kids on the Move is dedicated to serving children of all ages with rehabilitation needs, providing physical, occupational and speech-language therapy services to children from birth to 21 years of age. Whether they come to us for developmental delays or genetic disorders, we believe that every child should have access to the highest quality pediatric rehabilitation care they need to thrive and grow.

[www.vermontvisitingnurses.org](http://www.vermontvisitingnurses.org)

**Vermont State I-Team****802-656-4031**

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208 Colchester Ave.  
Burlington, VT05405

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The mission of the Vermont State I-Team is to assist local teams of families, educators and other service providers in the delivery of quality educational services to students with intensive educational needs through technical assistance, professional development and family support. To be eligible a student must live in Vermont and have severe/multiple disabilities and meet the Vermont Agency of Education eligibility criteria and require intensive educational supports to meet their educational needs. A request for I-Team services can be made through the student's local team, family or special education administrator by contacting the local I-Team Educational Consultant.

## **Pre-School**

Early Essential Education services are special education services provided to children ages 3 to 5 who have a significant developmental delay or medical condition that may result in significant delays by the time the child enrolls in elementary school. The following organizations can provide you with information regarding pre-school child care, play groups, parent education and support.

**Rutland County Head Start**

**802-775-8225**

78 Meadow Street  
Rutland, VT 05701

**Children's Integrated Services**

**802-773-4365**

88 Park Street  
Rutland, VT 05701

(formerly Family, Infant & Toddler Project )

Contact for the Rutland area: Theresa Marrone (802-770-1621) [theresa.marrone@vnaahsr.org](mailto:theresa.marrone@vnaahsr.org)

**Rutland County Parent/Child Center**

**802-775-9711**

61 Pleasant Street  
Rutland, VT 05701

**800-480-9711**

**Rutland City/Pierpoint Primary Learning Center**

**802-773-1946**

80 Pierpoint Avenue  
Rutland, VT 05701

**Vermont Agency of Education**

**802-479-1030**

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Barre, VT 05641

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