

Vermont Disability Resources

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

To get coverage under the ACA, go to <u>https://www.healthcare.gov/</u> to find out more about the Health Insurance Marketplace and the options available in your state.

Aging Resources

Aging and Disability Resource Centers/ No Wrong Door https://www.usaging.org/adrcs https://acl.gov/programs/connecting-people-services/aging-and-disability-resourcecenters-programno-wrong-door

Call Eldercare Locator Toll-free 1-800-677-1116 to find the ADRC in your area.

The No Wrong Door (NWD) System initiative is a collaborative effort of the ACL, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). The NWD System initiative builds upon the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program and CMS' Balancing Incentive Program No Wrong Door requirements that support state efforts to streamline access to long-term services and support (LTSS) options for older adults and individuals with disabilities. NWD Systems simplify access to LTSS and are a key component of LTSS systems reform.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration for Community Living (<u>https://acl.gov/</u>) (including AoA (<u>https://acl.gov/</u>) as of April 2012) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (<u>https://www.cms.gov/</u>). ADRCs serve as single points of entry into the long-term supports and services system for older adults and people with disabilities. Sometimes referred to as a "one-stop shops" or "no wrong door" systems, ADRCs address many of the frustrations consumers and their families experience when trying to find needed information, services, and supports. Through integration or coordination of existing aging and disability service systems, ADRC programs raise visibility about the full range of options that are available, provide objective information, advice, counseling and assistance, empower people to make informed decisions about their long term supports,

and help people more easily access public and private long term supports and services programs. Click on your state to find state and local ADRCs.

The core functions of an ADRC are 1) information, referral and awareness, 2) options counseling, advice and assistance, 3) streamlined eligibility determination for public programs, 4) person-centered transitions, 5) quality assurance and continuous improvement. ADRCs perform these functions by integrating, coordinating, and strengthening different pieces of the existing long term supports and services systems, including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, state and local Medicaid offices, and other community-based organizations.

Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

http://dail.vermont.gov/ Mailing Address: HC2 South, 280 State Dr Waterbury, VT 05671-2020 Phone: 802-241-2401

Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging

https://www.vermont4a.org/

27 Main Street, Suite 14 Montpelier, VT 05602 Phone: 800-642-5119 (HelpLine), 802-225-6210

National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)

https://ncea.acl.gov/home#gsc.tab=0 National Center on Elder Abuse c/o University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Geriatrics 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit 22, Building A-6 Alhambra, CA 91803 Phone: 855-500-3537 Email: ncea-info@acl.hhs.gov

Funded by the Administration for Community Living, the NCEA disseminates elder abuse information to professionals and the public and provides technical assistance and training to states and to community-based organizations.

Arts and Creativity

Inclusive Arts Vermont

https://www.inclusiveartsvermont.org/ Mailing Address: PO Box 236 Essex, VT 05452 Phone: 802-556-3668 Email: info@inclusiveartsvermont.org

Main Street Arts

http://mainstreetarts.org/ 35 Main St PO Box 100 Saxtons River, VT 05154 Phone: 802-869-2960 Email: info@mainstreetarts.org

Main Street Arts is a non-profit arts center that encourages creative expression through a wide range of artistic experiences. *Moving Forward, Moving Up* is MSA's project to revitalize the center by making it accessible to meet the creative needs of all community members.

Assistive Technology

Vermont Assistive Technology Program

https://atp.vermont.gov/ NOB 1 North, 280 State Drive Waterbury, VT 05671-1090 Phone: 800-750-6355 Email:dail.atinfo@vermont.gov

New England ADA Center (Covers Vermont)

http://www.newenglandada.org 560 Harrison Avenue, Unit 401 Boston, MA 02118 Phone: 617-695-0085, 800-949-4232 (Toll-free) Email: <u>ADAinfo@IHCDesign.org</u>

Vermont Independence Fund: Loans for Assistive Technology

www.atp.vermont.gov/resources/funding https://www.oppsvt.org/independence-fund/ Opportunities Credit Union 92 North Ave Burlington, VT 05401 Phone: 802-654-4540, 800-865-8328 (Toll-free) The Independence Fund offers affordable financing with flexible repayment terms for all types of assistive technology, equipment, vehicles, and home modifications.

Community Health Centers

Bi-State Primary Care Association

www.bistatepca.org Vermont Office 61 Elm Street Montpelier, VT 05602 Phone: 802-229-0002 Community Health Centers are non-profit organizations providing health care to those with insurance and without. All sites offer primary care and many offer specialty care as well. There is no residency requirement; individuals can receive services at any facility of their choosing, with over 1,200 health centers in 8,000 rural and urban communities across the nation. Sliding-scale fees based on family size, income, and insurance status ensure that anyone who uses a Community Health Center can receive quality care regulated by federal standards. Please call the state association listed above to find a Community Health Center in your local area.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Find a Health Center

http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/

HRSA Health Centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance – you pay what you can afford based on your income. Health centers provide services that include checkups when you are well, treatment when you are sick, complete care when you are pregnant, and immunizations and checkups for your children. Some health centers also provide mental health, substance abuse, oral health, and/or vision services. Contact the health center organization directly to confirm the availability of specific services and to make an appointment.

Crime Victim Assistance

Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services

https://www.ccvs.vermont.gov/ 60 South Main St Waterbury, VT 05676 Phone: 800-750-1213 (in state), 802-241-1250

Safe Horizon's Links for General Crime Victim Resources/Issues

www.safehorizon.org Phone: 800-621-4673 (24 Hour Hotline)

Domestic Violence Help

National Domestic Violence Hotline

https://www.thehotline.org/ Phone: 800-799-7233

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

https://www.nrcdv.org/ Phone: 800-537-2238 Email: <u>NRCDV@nrcdv.org</u>

Statewide Hotline: 800-228-7395

Sexual Violence Statewide Hotline: 800-489-7273

Vermont Network http://www.vtnetwork.org/ PO Box 405 Montpelier, VT 05601 Phone: 802-223-1302 Email: info@vtnetwork.org

Easter Seals Offices

Easterseals Vermont

https://eastersealsvt.org/ 14 North Main St, Suite 3004 Barre, VT 05641 Phone: 802-622-3230

Easter Seals offers services to children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The programs Easter Seals offers include autism, children's, adult and senior specific services, employment & training, medical rehabilitation, as well as camping & recreation opportunities. Services may vary by location.

Government Offices

Vermont State Website

https://www.vermont.gov/#gsc.tab=0

Vermont Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

http://vocrehab.vermont.gov Mailing Address: HC 2 South, 280 State Dr Waterbury, VT 05671-2040 Phone: 866-879-6757

Vermont Agency of Human Services

http://humanservices.vermont.gov/ 280 State Dr, Center Bldg Waterbury, VT 05676

Phone: 802-241-0440

Vermont Human Rights Commission

http://hrc.vermont.gov/ 12 Baldwin Street Montpelier, VT 05633-6301 Phone: 802-828-2480, 800-416-2010 (Toll-free) Email: <u>human.rights@vermont.gov</u> The mission of the Vermont Human Rights Commission is to promote full civil and human rights in Vermont.

Dr. Dynasaur (Children's Health Insurance Program)

https://dvha.vermont.gov/members Department of Vermont Health Access 280 State Drive, NOB 1 South Waterbury, Vermont 05671-1010 Phone: 800-250-8427, 802-879-5900

Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

http://dail.vermont.gov/ Mailing Address: HC2 South, 280 State Drive Waterbury, VT 05671-2020 Phone: 802-241-2401

Vermont Insurance Division

https://dfr.vermont.gov/insurance Department of Financial Regulation 89 Main Street Montpelier, VT 05620-3101 Phone: 802-828-3302, 800-964-1784 (Toll-free), 833-337-4685 (Toll-free Hotline) Email: <u>dfr.insuranceinfo@vermont.gov</u>

Vermont Workers' Compensation

https://labor.vermont.gov/workers'-compensation Vermont Department of Labor 5 Green Mountain Drive PO Box 488 Montpelier, VT 05601-0488 Phone: 802-828-4000, 802-828-2286 Email: <u>labor.wccomp@vermont.gov</u>

Find your **elected officials** to contact them on legislation that is important to you. Each member of Congress maintains at least one office in his or her home state or district. Most have multiple offices throughout the state or district. These offices are designed for direct contact with constituents (that's you!). This is your opportunity to advocate and make your voice heard in Congress without traveling to Washington, DC. Congressional offices are also a great resource for handling problems with federal agencies. You have a constitutionally guaranteed right to petition your government, and home offices provide you an opportunity to use that right.

https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative http://whoismyrepresentative.com/

Vermont Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

https://hireus.vermont.gov/ Email: rose.lucenti@gmail.com

Vermont Long-Term Care Ombudsman Project

https://www.vtlegalaid.org/legal-projects/long-term-care-ombudsman Vermont Legal Aid, Inc 264 N Winooski Avenue Burlington, VT 05401 Phone: 802-863-5620, 800-889-2047

The mission of the state long-term care ombudsman is to protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of the elderly in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other facilities.

Housing

U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

<u>www.hud.gov</u>

451 7th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20410

Phone: 202-708-1112, 202-708-1455 (TTY)

HUD is the government office which offers information on public housing, buying a home, renting, discrimination, FEMA related housing, and more. HUD also provides a list of housing counselors as well as information on ways to avoid foreclosure. To find your local HUD office, please click on the "State Info" tab across the top bar, then click on your state, then click on "contact my local office". If you want info on public housing, click here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts and choose your state from the drop down box.

211

www.211.org Email: 211@uww.unitedway.org

211 can help people find emergency shelters for individuals and families in crisis. Learn about programs that offer rental assistance, subsidized housing, and housing vouchers that can help families, the elderly and disabled individuals pay for housing.

Independent Living

ILRU: State Independent Living Councils (SILCs) Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council

http://www.ilru.org/projects/silc-net/silc-directory https://vermontsilc.org PO Box 158 Worcester, VT 05682 Phone: 802-560-8091 Email: vtsilcdir@gmail.com

Independent Living Research Utilization's Directory of Independent Living Centers http://www.ilru.org

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

http://www.ncil.org/ PO Box 31260 Washington, DC 20030 Phone: 202-207-0334, 844-778-7961 (Toll-free) Email: ncil@ncil.org The National Council on Independent Living is the longest-running national crossdisability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including: individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

Library Services

Vermont Department of Libraries: ABLE Library

https://able.vermont.gov/ 60 Washington St, Suite 2 Barre, VT 05641 Phone: 802-636-0020, 800-479-1711 (Toll-free) Email: LIB.AbleLibrary@vermont.gov

Peer Support Programs

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation's Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP)

https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/get-support/get-a-peer-mentor/

636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A Short Hills, NJ 07078 Phone: 800-539-7309 Email: <u>Peer@Reeve.org</u>

The Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP) is the Reeve Foundation's national peer-topeer mentoring program. The goal of PFSP is to provide critical emotional support, as well as local and national information and resources to people living with paralysis, and their families and caregivers. When possible, the program matches people with paralysis with certified peer mentors who are of similar age, location, gender, and level of injury or type of paralyzing condition. The Reeve Foundation's Quality of Life Grants program gives out grants to peer support groups (amongst other groups) that are associated with a non-profit organization. If you represent a non-profit organization looking for a Quality of Life grant, please see: <u>https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/getsupport/grants-for-non-profits/</u> for more info on qualifying and applying.

Protection And Advocacy

Disability Rights Vermont

https://disabilityrightsvt.org/ 141 Main St, Suite 7 Montpelier, VT 05602 Phone: 802-229-1355, 800-834-7890 (Toll-free) Email: info@disabilityrightsvt.org

Sports And Recreation

Adaptive Martial Arts Association

http://adaptivemartialarts.org/

PO Box 225 Pittsford, VT 05763 Phone: 802-747-8184 Email: contact@adaptivemartialarts.org

Adaptive Sports at Mount Snow

http://adaptiveatsnow.org/ PO Box 1092 West Dover, VT 05356 Email: info@adaptiveatsnow.org

Their mission is to provide year-round life enhancing adaptive sports and recreational and educational experiences to individuals with disabilities and their families in the Mount Snow community.

Adaptive Sports New England

http://adaptivesportsne.org/ 89 South St, Suite 603 Boston, MA 02111 Phone: 617-690-9103 Email: joe.walsh@adaptivesportsne.org

Adaptive Sports New England is a Massachusetts non-profit organization dedicated to increasing participation in sports among New England youth and young adults who have visual or mobility impairments.

Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports

http://www.vermontadaptive.org/ Physical Address: 77 Alpine Dr, Pico Mountain Killington, VT 05751 Mailing Address: PO Box 139 Killington, VT 05751 Phone: 802-786-4991 Email: <u>south@vermontadaptive.org</u> Programs Offered: Adaptive Skiing, horseback riding, canoeing, sailing, rock climbing and

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Vermont Parks Forever

https://www.vermontparksforever.org/ PO Box 815 Montpelier, VT 05601 Phone: 802-917-1719

Email: info@vermontparksforever.org

This foundation works towards making Vermont's State Parks accessible to everyone by raising awareness, removing barriers, and funding park enhancements.

United Way Offices

United Way

http://www.unitedway.org/

Mailing Address: 701 North Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 703-836-7112

Enter your postal code in the upper right corner for a United Way office in your area United Way focuses on education, financial stability and health to impact the lives of millions. United Way raises awareness surrounding key issues, provides financial and one-on-one assistance to those who need it most, and promotes social and policy change that helps strengthen people and their communities.

Veteran Benefits

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Facility Locator

https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp Click on your state to find a facility in your area.

New England Paralyzed Veterans of America

https://www.pvanewengland.org/ 1208 VFW Parkway, Ste 301 West Roxbury, MA 02132 Phone: 617-942-8678, 800-660-1181 (Toll-free)

ALS

Vermont Chapter of the ALS Association

https://www.als.org/support/states/vermont Phone: 603-226-8855 Email: infoVT@als.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Alliance of Vermont

http://www.biavt.org/ 1 Derby Lane, Suite 2 Waterbury, VT 05676 Phone: 802-244-6850 Email: support@biavt.org

LoveYourBrain Foundation

www.loveyourbrain.com

Email: info@loveyourbrain.com

Together with his brother Adam, champion snowboarder Kevin Pearce created the LoveYourBrain Foundation, a non-profit organization that is working to connect, educate and empower people to live a brain healthy lifestyle. Through yoga, meditation and

mindfulness programs, LoveYourBrain is improving lives, creating community and optimizing health for everyone they reach.

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy

http://www.ucp.org 8401 Old Courthouse Road Vienna, VA 22182 Phone: 800-872-5827, 866-827-1692 (Info & Referral) Email: info@ucp.org Please call for local info.

Friedreich's Ataxia

National Ataxia Foundation (NAF)

http://www.ataxia.org/ Physical Address: 600 Hwy 169 S, Ste 1725 Minneapolis, MN 55426 Mailing Address: PO Box 27986 Golden Valley, MN 55427 Phone: 763-553-0020 Email: <u>naf@ataxia.org</u> Please contact them for info in your area.

Guillain-Barré Syndrome/CIDP

Guillain-Barré Syndrome/CIDP Foundation International

http://gbs-cidp.org/ Mailing Address: 375 East Elm St, Suite 101 Conshohocken, PA 19428 Phone: 866-224-3301 (Toll-free), 610-667-0131 Please call for information in your area

Multiple Sclerosis

National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Greater New England Chapter

https://www.nationalmssociety.org/resources/get-connected/in-your-area/mam

Physical Address: 465 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 202 Waltham, MA 02452 Mailing Address: PO Box 289 Canton, MA 02021 Phone: 800-344-4867

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America: Northeast Regional Office

https://mymsaa.org/publications/improving-lives/offices/ Phone: 800-532-7667, ext. 144 Email: northeast@mymsaa.org

Muscular Dystrophy

Muscular Dystrophy Association

https://www.mda.org/ National Office 1016 W Jackson Blvd, #1073 Chicago, IL 60607 Phone: 800-572-1717 Email: <u>ResourceCenter@mdausa.org</u> Enter your postal code in the "Find your local MDA" section of the website for MD clinics in your area.

Post-Polio Syndrome

Post-Polio Health International (PHI)

http://www.post-polio.org 50 Crestwood Executive Center, Suite 440 St. Louis, MO 63126 Phone: 314-534-0475 Email: info@post-polio.org https://post-polio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/PDIR-2023.pdf Directory lists Health Professionals, Clinics, and Support Groups by state.

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org 1600 Wilson Blvd, Suite 800 Arlington, VA 22209 Phone: 800-621-3141 Email: <u>sbaa@sbaa.org</u> For information on clinics, please go to <u>https://www.spinabifidaassociation.org/clinics/</u>.

Spinal Cord Injury

The Kelly Brush Foundation

https://kellybrushfoundation.org/ 3 Main St, Suite 105 Burlington, VT 05401 Phone: 802-846-5298 Email: info@kellybrushfoundation.org

The Kelly Brush Foundation is a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to assisting individuals with spinal cord injuries and increasing ski racing safety. The

Foundation provides scholarships to individuals who want to try a new sport, test out a piece of equipment, or build skills by attending camps, clinics, or other adaptive sports programs.

Stroke

American Stroke Association

https://www.stroke.org/ National Center 7272 Greenville Avenue Dallas, TX 75231 Phone: 888-478-7653 Call them for the stroke support group in your area.

Syringomyelia/Chiari Malformation

American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project

www.asap.org PO Box 1586 Longview, TX 75606-1586 Phone: 903-236-7079, 800-272-7282 (Toll-free) Email: info@ASAP.org

Transverse Myelitis

Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association

www.wearesrna.org Physical Address: 1787 Sutter Parkway Powell, OH 43065-8806 Mailing Address: PO Box 826962 Philadelphia, PA 19182-6962 Phone: 855-380-3330 (EST) Please contact them for info in your area.

General Disability Resources

Vermont Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/vt.htm

Vermont Occupational Therapy Association

http://www.vermontot.org/ Mailing Address: PO Box 925 Richmond, VT 05477 Email: informationvota@gmail.com

APTA Vermont Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association

http://www.vtapta.org/ Phone: 857-702-9915 Email: vtapta@gmail.com

Association of People Supporting Employment First: Vermont Chapter

www.apse.org https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068115277229 Email: <u>vtapse@apse.org</u>

Healthboards.com

<u>http://www.healthboards.com/boards/index.php</u> Message boards on health-related topics. Topics include SCI, CP, Stroke, and more.

Vermont 211

http://www.vermont211.org/ Dial 2-1-1 (anywhere in Vermont) for personal assistance PO Box 111 Essex Junction, VT 05453 Phone: 211, 866-652-4636, 802-652-4636 Email: info@vermont211.org

Provides callers with information about and referrals to human services for every day needs and in times of crisis. Can offer access to the following types of services: adult day care, respite care, home health care, transportation, support groups, Medicaid/Medicare, etc. The caller is provided with phone numbers, programs and services provided, location, hours of operation, and any other relevant information for the inquiry. All calls are confidential.

ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation

www.thinkfirst.org Phone: 630-961-1400 Email: thinkfirst@thinkfirst.org

ThinkFirst offers evidence-based injury prevention programs for students of all ages through their network of healthcare-based chapters. Health educators and people who have experienced brain or spinal cord injuries help students understand the importance of making safe choices related to vehicles, sports, violence and falls. To find chapter information in your area, please go to their website and click on the "Chapter Site" tab. The information contained in this message is presented for the purpose of educating and informing you about paralysis and its effects. Nothing contained in this message should be construed nor is intended to be used for medical diagnosis or treatment. It should not be used in place of the advice of your physician or other qualified health care provider. Should you have any health care related questions, please call or see your physician or other qualified health care provider before embarking on a new treatment, diet or fitness program. You should never disregard medical advice or delay in seeking it because of something you have read in this message.

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