



Post Permanency Services Program in Vermont FY2025 Funding Request

- Vermont's Post Permanency Service Program (PPSP) provides a lifeline to families formed by adoption and guardianship and improves permanency outcomes for children in foster care, increases the stability of adoptions and guardianships, and builds family resiliency.
- The three agencies that provide all of Vermont with PPSP services are Easterseals Vermont, Lund and Northeastern Family Institute, VT (NFIVT).
- Together, our agencies served over 557 kids with over 3300 different contacts with families in 2022.
- Services help prevent health problems, educational challenges, behavioral issues, DCF involvement, and out-of-home placement.
- Funds invested in PPSP services have a direct impact on Vermont families; however, **with current funding, the service is not sustainable.**



- As we have demonstrated throughout the years, Post Adoption services are vital to maintaining health in our communities as well as the mental health and well-being of one of our most vulnerable demographics, children who have experienced early trauma and abuse.
- The **current rate** of **\$293.97** is far from the true cost of the service, pushing the program into a yearly deficit that we predict to nearly double within a few years (at the current rate).

We are requesting the true break even cost of services: a base increase of 300k/year, making a new PMPM rate of \$385

The support of the legislature has been critical to supporting the state's key partners effective and deeply respected work with youth in foster care and families joined by adoption and guardianship.

Thank you!