

# How are the children?

## Children's Integrated Services

### CIS SERVICES AVAILABLE

As part of Integrated Family Services, Vermont has created a unique model for integrating early childhood health, mental health, early intervention and specialized child care services for pregnant and postpartum women and children birth to age six. The model is designed to improve child and family outcomes by providing client-centric holistic services, effective service coordination, flexible funding to address gaps in services, prevention, early intervention, health promotion, and accountability.

### EARLY INTERVENTION

Services for children from birth to age 3 with a developmental delay or medical condition that may lead to developmental delay.

### NURSING AND FAMILY SUPPORT

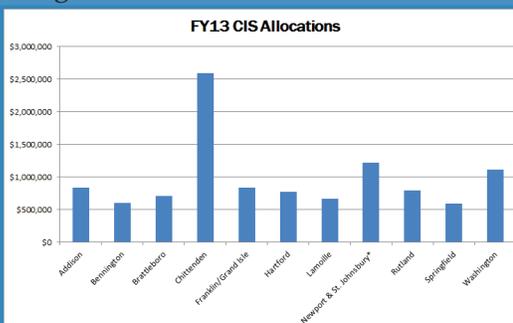
Services for pregnant and postpartum women and young children who have concerns about conditions or risk situations that impact healthy family development.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH

Services for children and their families from birth to age 6 with behavioral health concerns.

### SPECIALIZED CHILD CARE

Services to help children with high needs experience success in high quality childcare settings.



\* The allocation for Newport and St. Johnsbury serve two AHS districts.

### CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED SERVICES

#### SERVICE DELIVERY REFORM

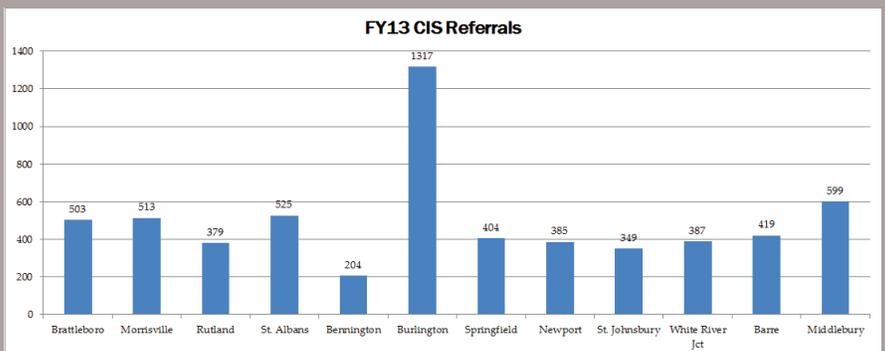
- A **multi-disciplinary team** review of all referred families and children
- A **primary service coordinator** as a single point of contact for families working with multiple service providers
- A **One Plan** with information on family goals and services provided to facilitate collaboration among providers

#### PAYMENT REFORM

- Payment based on meeting **performance measures** instead of units of service provided
- A **bundled rate** for each client served each month, regardless of type or frequency of services
- Claims submitted and reimbursed **once per month** for each client served instead of one per unit of service

#### FINANCING REFORM

- Regional allocations based on a **formula** instead of past history
- **One fiscal agent** responsible for ensuring delivery of all servicesFlexibility to re-allocate funds **based on community service needs**



### MOVING CIS FORWARD

Legislation enacted in 2010 enabled the Child Development Division (CDD) to move forward with fully integrating CIS in three regions. Of the six that applied to be Phase 1 pilots, Lamoille, Rutland and St. Albans were selected. The State CIS team and representatives from the pilot regions developed a learning community and worked together over the summer to address implementation details. Full integration was implemented in these regions on November 1, 2010. Lessons learned were presented at a statewide conference held in December, 2010. In July, 2011 Brattleboro moved into the fully integrated model, with Bennington following in January, 2012; Springfield in April, 2012; Hartford, Newport and St. Johnsbury in July, 2012; and Burlington in July, 2013.

