Caregiver Resources for Dementia Care and Respite
Lamoille, Orange & Washington Counties

Area Agency on Aging & Senior HelpLine
- Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA)
  59 N. Main Street, Barre, VT 05641
  Phone: 1-802-479-0531 / Toll Free: 1-877-379-2600 / Fax: 1-802-479-4235
  Email: info@cvcoa.org / Website: www.cvcoa.org
- Senior HelpLine 1-800-642-5119

Alzheimer’s Association
- Alzheimer’s Association 24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-272-3900 / www.alz.org/
- Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Center: www.alz.org/care/overview.asp
- Vermont Alzheimer’s Association: 1-802-316-3839 / www.alz.org/vermont/

Education and Support/Social Groups
- “Powerful Tools for Caregivers”
  A six-week series of classes for family caregivers designed to help you restore
  the balance between caring for others and caring for yourself. For
  information contact Barb Asen, Family Caregiver Coordinator at CVCOA:
  1-802-476-2681 / basen@cvcoa.org
- Montpelier Memory Café
  A social time and place for people with dementia and their support partner to
  laugh, learn, socialize, share concerns, and celebrate feeling understood and
  connected. Programs include music, movement and other interactive
  activities, with refreshments provided. Free admission, donations accepted.
  Montpelier Memory Café meets on the second Saturday of every month from
  10-11:30 a.m. at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street. For
  information contact Liz Dodd: 1-802-229-9630 or visit
  www.sympavt.wix.com/montpeliermemorycafe#!
• Alzheimer’s Association education programs: “Know the Ten Signs”; “The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease”; “Living with Alzheimer’s”; and “Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer’s Disease”. Contact the Alzheimer’s Association at 1-802-316-3839 or www.alz.org/vermont for information and schedule.

• ALZConnected online social networking community for people with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers: questions and input among peers; public and private groups; topical message boards / www.alzconnected.org

• Support groups
  o Alzheimer’s Support Group – Morrisville  Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
    3rd Thurs. of each month from 2:00 - 3:30 pm; call Oona Borello at 802-888-4651
  o Alzheimer’s Support Group – Barre  Aldrich Public Library, Conference Room
    4th Tues. of each month from 5:30-7:00 pm (may be adjusted on holiday weeks);
    drop in or contact Sherril Bover-Cheney at (802)249-1378 or sherril.bover@gmail.com
  o Alzheimer’s Telephone Caregiver Support Group
    1st Mon. of each month - 4:00-5:30 pm; call (800)272-3900 for information
  o Alzheimer’s Online Support Groups at https://www.alzconnected.org/
  o Caregiver Support Group – Randolph  Gifford Medical Center
    2nd Tues. of each month from 11:00 am – noon; contact Keith Morino at 802-728-2499 or kmarino@giffordmed.org
  o Caregiver Support Group – Barre  Project Independence
    1st Wed. of each month from 4:30 - 6:00 pm; contact Julie Drauszewski, RN at 802-476-3630 or Julie@pibarre.org
  o Caregiver Support Group – Waitsfield  Mad River Valley Family Practice
    1st & 3rd Tues. of each month from 2:00 - 3:00 pm; contact Kate Anderson at 802-496-3838 or kate.anderson@cvmc.org

For links to additional/topical support groups and resources see www.cvcoa.org/support-groups.html
Care Provider Agencies, Caregiver Registry & Respite

- **Medicare Certified Home Health Agencies**
  - Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH): [www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org), 1-802-223-1878
  - Lamoille Home Health & Hospice: [www.lhha.org](http://www.lhha.org), 1-802-888-4651
  - Visiting Nurse & Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire: [www.vnincare.org](http://www.vnincare.org), 1-888-300-8853
  - Bayada Nurses (South Burlington): [www.bayada.com](http://www.bayada.com), 1-802-655-7111, 1-800-466-8773

- **In-Home Care, Homemaking and Respite Services**
  Private “fee-for-service” help provided in the home is available. Services may include personal care, bathing, toileting, meal preparation, light housekeeping, shopping, respite and more.

  For a comprehensive listing of home care provider agencies and their service areas, contact the **Senior HelpLine** at 1-800-642-5119 or email Family Caregiver Support at basen@cvcoa.org.

- **Vermont Direct Care Registry – “Rewarding Work”**. Rewarding Work is a web-based service at [www.RewardingWork.org](http://www.RewardingWork.org) designed to assist Vermont elders, residents with disabilities of all ages, their families, and parents of children with disabilities to hire their own staff. Through the combination of the Internet and a toll-free telephone number (1-866-9675), Rewarding Work allows consumers to access a comprehensive database of qualified care providers.

  To set up a free account, visit [www.rewardingwork.org/State-Resources/Vermont/Helpful-resources/FAQs.aspx](http://www.rewardingwork.org/State-Resources/Vermont/Helpful-resources/FAQs.aspx), identify CVCOA as the sponsoring area agency, and use access code 346341. Or, call the Senior HelpLine for assistance at 1-800-642-5119
Dementia Respite Grants
Central Vermont Council on Aging offers respite grants to family members and other unpaid primary caregivers who are providing day-to-day care in the home for a person who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or another memory disorder and who meets certain financial criteria. These funds can be used to provide in-home respite services (home care or chore services, personal care, companion services) or out-of-home respite services (adult day programs and short-term stays in residential care facilities or nursing home.) Call the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 for more information.

Adult Day Programs
Daytime care to foster independence & well-being while providing caregivers with needed respite. Services include: supervision, personal care, nursing services, socialization, and recreation.

- Project Independence (Barre): 1-802-476-3630/ www.pibarre.org
- Lamoille Area Adult Day Services (Morrisville): 1-802-888-7045
- Gifford Adult Day Program (Bethel): 1-802-234-2165/ www.giffordmed.org/AdultDayProgram

Memory Centers
These centers diagnose age-related memory & thinking disorders and provide treatment including drug therapies, family/patient support & counseling, and referrals to appropriate service agencies.

Dartmouth Geropsychiatry & Memory Clinic, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, NH 1-603- 650-5804

The Memory Center, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Colchester, VT 1-802-847-1111
http://www.fletcherallen.org/services/elder_health/specialties/memory_center/
**Long-Term Care**
Frail or disabled adults who medically and financially qualify for nursing home level of care may be eligible for Choices for Care, Vermont’s Long-Term Care Medicaid Program. This program provides individuals with a choice of settings in which to receive care: a nursing home, residential care home or in-home support. In-home supports include case management, personal care (e.g., help with bathing or dressing), respite care, adult day health center services, assistive devices and home modification. Choices for Care - Moderate Needs can provide assistance with adult day and some homemaker services. For more information about these programs contact the Senior HelpLine at 800-642-5119, your local home health agency, or [www.dcf.vermont.gov/esd/health_insurance/ltc_medicaid](http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/esd/health_insurance/ltc_medicaid)

**Veterans Independence Program**
This new program is designed for military veterans seeking an alternative to nursing home care and helps them receive in-home assistance and support so they can remain in their homes. It is a statewide collaboration between the Veterans Administration and Area Agencies on Aging. There is no income eligibility, but veterans must need a specified level of care. For information, call the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119.

**Out of Home Placement and Respite Care**
These nursing homes may also provide short-term out of home respite, depending on bed availability.

- **Rowan Court Nursing Home** 378 Prospect St., Barre, VT 05641; 1-802-622-0445
- **Berlin Health and Rehab** 98 Hospitality Dr., Barre, VT 05641; 1-802-229-0308
- **Woodridge Nursing Home** 142 Woodridge Rd., Berlin, VT 05602; 1-800-371-4700
Legal Assistance

Consulting with an attorney may be helpful as you and your family face a memory or cognitive impairment. Several organizations can help you locate a lawyer who specializes in your area of need.

- If you need help locating an attorney, contact the Vermont Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-639-7036 or www.vtbar.org.
- The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys has a member directory which you can search for individuals who work with older clients, people with special needs and their families. 703-942-5711, www.naela.org
- For information about putting legal/estate and financial plans in place visit www.alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-financial-legal-planning.asp
- Vermont Legal Aid’s Senior Citizens Law Project provides free legal advice and representation to persons over 60 in a broad range of civil legal areas (not criminal), including housing, healthcare, public benefits, abuse and exploitation cases, planning for incapacity, nursing home and residential care issues, guardianship, veterans issues. 1-800-889-2047, www.vtlegalaid.org

Additional Resources

- Family Caregiver Alliance, www.caregiver.org
- National Institute on Aging, www.nia.nih.gov/HealthInformation
- National Alliance for Caregiving, www.caregiving.org
- Vermont Division of Disability and Aging Services, www.ddas.vermont.gov
- Vermont Direct Care Worker Registry, www.rewardingwork.org
- Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), www.vermontelders.org
- VT Kin as Parents (VKAP), www.vermontkinasparents.org
- VT KinshipCare Kids, www.vermontkinshipcarekids.com
Tips for Caregivers

- Plan ahead
- Take one day at a time
- Accept help
- Get enough rest and good nutrition
- Be good to yourself
- Learn about available resources
- Develop contingency plans
- Make YOUR health a priority
- Make time for leisure, rest, and relaxation
- Share your feelings with others
- (Add more tips that work for you!)

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