

VHIP and related funds  
for People with  
Intellectual and  
Developmental  
Disabilities



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# Today

- Overview Of VCP and Designated And Specialized Services Agencies
- Housing Needs of People with Disabilities



# Vermont Care Partners Role

**VCP Mission:** Provide statewide leadership for an integrated, high-quality system of comprehensive services and supports.

Our sixteen non-profit community-based member agencies offer care to Vermonters affected by developmental disabilities, mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

Our person-and family-centered services are coordinated with other community providers to serve Vermonters in their homes, schools, communities, and places of employment.

We believe that Vermonters have a fundamental right to live in healthy and safe communities with access to locally provided health and support services.

Our services address the social contributors of health to advance the State's aims of improving overall health, controlling the cost of health care, and promoting access to quality care.



# STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF CARE IN VERMONT DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES

**NCSS:** Northwestern  
Counseling & Support  
Services [www.ncssinc.org](http://www.ncssinc.org)

**NKHS:** Northeast Kingdom  
Human Services  
[www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org)

**GMSS:** Green Mountain  
Support Services  
[www.gmssi.org](http://www.gmssi.org)

**LCMHS** Lamoille County  
Mental Health Services  
[www.lamoille.org](http://www.lamoille.org)

**CCS:** Champlain  
Community Services  
[www.ccs-vt.org](http://www.ccs-vt.org)

**HC:** Howard Center  
[www.howardcenter.org](http://www.howardcenter.org)

**NFI:** Northeastern Family  
Institute, NFI Vermont, Inc.  
[www.nfivermont.org](http://www.nfivermont.org)

**WCMHS:** Washington  
County Mental Health  
Services  
[www.wcmhs.org](http://www.wcmhs.org)

**CSAC:** Counseling Service  
of Addison County  
[www.csac-vt.org](http://www.csac-vt.org)

**CMC:** Clara Martin Center  
[www.claramartin.org](http://www.claramartin.org)

**UVS:** Upper Valley Services  
[www.uvs-vt.org](http://www.uvs-vt.org)

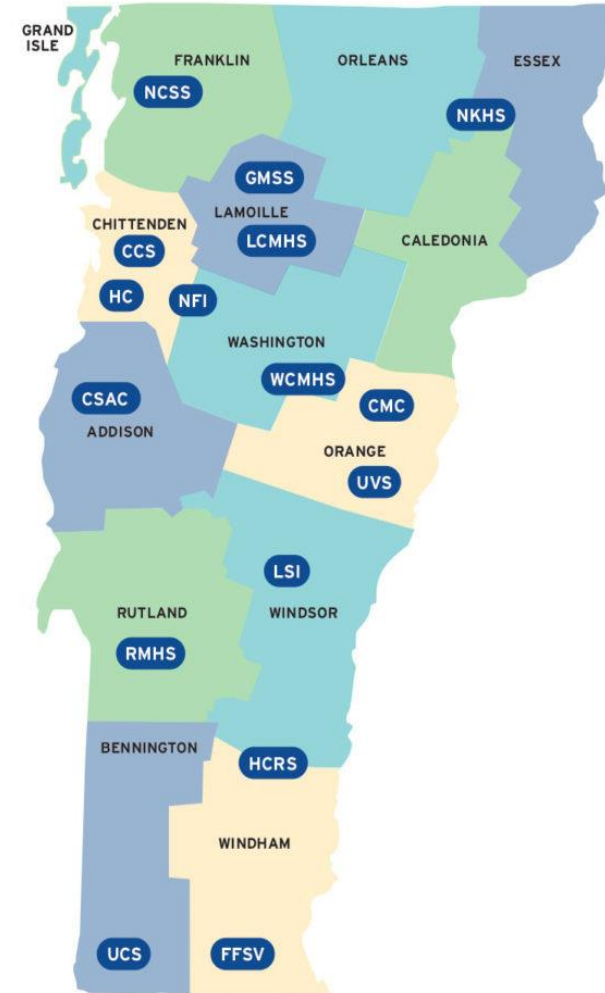
**LSI:** Lincoln Street, Inc.  
[www.lincolnstreetinc.org](http://www.lincolnstreetinc.org)

**RMHS:** Rutland Mental  
Health Services /  
Community Care Network  
[www.rmhsccn.org](http://www.rmhsccn.org)

**HCRS:** Health Care &  
Rehabilitation Services  
[www.hcrs.org](http://www.hcrs.org)

**UCS:** United Counseling  
Service of Bennington  
County  
[www.ucsvt.org](http://www.ucsvt.org)

**FFSV:** Families First in  
Southern Vermont  
[www.familiesfirstvt.org](http://www.familiesfirstvt.org)



# Services to Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

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**FY22 Data on the 4,500 People served by Designated and Specialized Service Agencies**  
(DAIL and VCP annual reports)

- **1,374 people lived with shared living providers**
- **279 people lived with family members**
- **267 people lived in supervised housing**
- **94 people lived in group homes**
- **65 people lived independently with staff support**

# Housing Crisis Impacts people with Disabilities

A VCP 2023 survey found 253 people were living as a guest or respite recipient with no feasible housing option available within 14 days

People waiting for housing may be: homeless, living in hotels, or with families, and may have residential supports that fall short of their needs leading to destabilization and crises

Housing needed: accessible, affordable, with a range of support options



## People with Disabilities Experiencing Crisis

- VCP Crisis Supports survey in October 2022 indicated that 357 Vermonters were in crisis or at risk of crisis - 8% of people served
- Currently Vermont has 10-12 crisis, transitional or respite beds with varying levels of availability and limitations – more beds are needed
- Permanent and Transitional-type housing is needed that is accessible

# Vermont Housing Improvement Program

- **An opportunity to recruit new shared living providers and retain existing shared living providers by providing funds to meet:**
  - **DAIL health, safety and accessibility requirements**
  - **New CMS settings rule which requires locks on doors**
- **Could reduce homelessness and destabilization currently being experienced**
- **Could reduce back up in hospital inpatient and emergency departments of people with disabilities experiencing mental health crisis who don't have stable housing**
- **Could reduce health impacts and financial costs from turnover of shared living providers**





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