



# Strengthening families so that children can thrive

Lund has been helping Vermonters since 1890. Our programs work in tandem to support over **6,000 people** each year across Vermont.

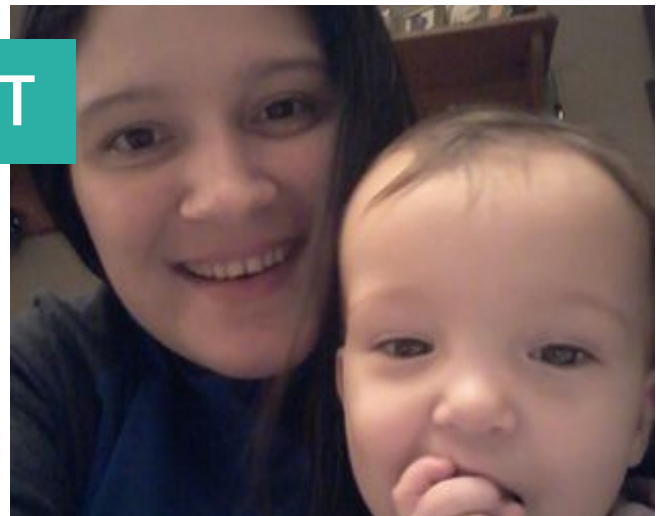


## ADOPTION

Lund is Vermont's **oldest and largest nonprofit adoption agency**, which has finalized over 11,500 adoptions! At Lund, we believe every child deserves a family, and every child is adoptable. We're with families every step of the way, and also provide post permanency support to families after adoption finalization.

## CLINICAL TREATMENT

Lund offers substance use screening and assessment, virtual and in-person substance use and mental health outpatient treatment, and residential treatment. **Our Residential Treatment Program is the only place in Vermont where pregnant and parenting people can live with their 0-5 aged child during their residential treatment.**



## PARENT CHILD CENTER

Lund's Parent Child Center serves all families with young children across Chittenden County. Our Kids-A-Part program **works to minimize trauma experienced by a child with a parent in prison**, our Home Visiting Program offers **parent and child development education to families in their own homes**, and DULCE (Developmental Understanding & Legal Collaboration for Everyone) **provides universal prevention for families with newborns.**

# INVESTMENT IN VERMONT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Lund requesting the following support:

- **Support for the Kids-A-Part Parenting Program (KAPPP) expansion bill—H.219.** KAPPP has been serving incarcerated parents and their families for over two decades, demonstrating a proven track record of fostering better outcomes for both incarcerated individuals and their children. This ask is two-fold:
  - Requesting an additional \$276,207.22 be added to the FY26 DOC budget to support the implementation of an expansion pilot at Northern State Correctional Facility for fathers
  - Requesting an additional \$114,869.38 to make the current KAPPP program at CRCF fiscally whole
- **Funding allocation of \$478,280 for the six DULCE Family Specialists working within Vermont's pediatric practices** to ensure that this vital program can continue. DULCE is a universal, evidence-based pediatric care model that promotes healthy newborn development, addresses the social needs of families, and fosters community well-being.
- **Support and approval of the AHS budget** (with the addition of additional funding for the Kids-A-Part Initiative and the DULCE Family Specialist salaries). Lund receives critical funding from four departments within the AHS Department. Please support Lund and the children and families we serve.



Kids-A-Part family visitation space within the correctional facility



DULCE visit at the South Burlington Timber Lane Pediatrics office

## FY24 ANNUAL SNAPSHOT

**6,176** individuals served

**97** incarcerated mothers received parenting support by KAPPP

**249** newborns enrolled in DULCE (at Timber Lane Pediatrics in South Burlington) in 2024



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