



FY27 Supervised Visitation Appropriations Request
House Human Services Committee
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Thank you for your attention and focus on Vermont's system of supervised visitation. At the committee's request, we are submitting a revised budget request below.

The Vermont Network is requesting an appropriation of **\$249,300 to be allocated to DCF to support a statewide system of care for supervised visitation**. This includes funding for community-based supervised visitation services and a small allocation for statewide coordination of services and standards.

This request has been revised from \$717,750 to \$249,300 in recognition of the current fiscal climate and what may be feasible in FY27. While this revised proposal does not fully meet the needs of a statewide supervised visitation system, it represents a meaningful step forward.

In addition, we are requesting a **fund transfer of \$137,500 in existing General Funds from Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services (VCCVS) to DCF. VCCVS supports this request**. These existing General Funds will supplement the federal funds that DCF currently receives and consolidate the grants provided for supervised visitation. This will reduce the administrative burden on providers and VCCVS, as well as improve efficiencies and clarify lines of accountability between state funders and providers.

We understand the committee is considering one-time funding sources for FY27. To help ensure continuity of services — particularly for newly launched programs — we would appreciate inclusion of legislative intent language signaling a commitment to pursue ongoing base funding and to expand services in geographic areas where gaps remain.

This cost analysis is an example of how Vermont's supervised visitation system would benefit from the appropriation above. Ultimately, specific details about program budgets and usage of funds would be determined by programs themselves and DCF as a funder.

Thank you for your continued support of a strong supervised visitation system. We would be happy to answer any questions you have about the request detailed below.



TOTAL FY27 FUNDING REQUEST - \$249,300

Funding Types	Amounts
Total Funding Needed	\$486,800
Existing Funding	\$237,500
Total FY27 Request	\$249,300

Existing funds include \$237,500 in General Funds currently allocated to VCCVS and \$100,000 in federal Office of Child Support grants to DCF.

LOCAL & REGIONAL SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS - \$436,800

Type of Cost	Per Program Cost	Total Statewide Cost
Salary - 1 FTE Monitor	\$42,000	\$336,000
Fringe - 1 FTE Monitor	\$12,600	\$100,800
Total	\$54,600	\$436,800

Number of Programs

Total request assumes 8 supervised visitation programs statewide, with a goal of expanding to 12 programs in the future.

These program funds would serve the following purposes:

1. Preventing further closures of the existing six programs by providing base funding.
2. Encouraging two additional programs to open and serve areas of the state where there is currently no access to supervised visitation.

The estimate also takes into consideration existing programs serving more than one county (Franklin/Grand Isle and Caledonia/Essex/Orleans).

Per Program Costs

This request would fund a monitor per program with a salary of \$42,000. For context, the average full-time domestic violence advocate salary is \$49,720 in 2024 dollars.

The request assumes salary for one monitor plus a 30% fringe rate to account for required taxes and benefits such as unemployment, disability, and health insurance.

STATEWIDE SUPERVISED VISITATION COORDINATION - \$50,000

The request includes 0.4 of one position, salary and fringe, at the Vermont Network to provide statewide coordination. This equals \$50,000.