

LAMOILLE VALLEY

School Engagement Program

WHAT WE DO

Our **school engagement specialists** help young people **show up, engage and succeed in school.**



HOW WE DO IT

Our approach to school engagement is rooted in **restorative, evidence-based strategies.** We seek to:

- ★ Form relationships & develop youth voice
- ★ Uncover & address practical barriers
- ★ Reconnect student with their school & community

75% OF PARTICIPANTS RE-ENGAGE IN EDUCATION

HOW IT WORKS

1 Notice

A student has missed 10% or more of elapsed school days, or

Their absences may be impacting their education.

2 Refer

Visit lrcvt.org/school-engagement to make a direct referral, or

Contact us :

Phone: (802) 888-5871

Email: info@lrcvt.org

3 Collaborate

Your district's school engagement specialist will follow-up with you, the student, the family and the support team about next steps.

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PURPOSE

Children have a legal right to education. And Vermont schools are required to appoint someone to investigate why a student isn't attending school. Our program's school engagement specialists serve that purpose.

25% of Vermont youth were chronically absent in the 24-25 school year

RESTORATIVE APPROACH

We focus on understanding and addressing the root causes of chronic absence in order to help families avoid court involvement. We aim to help young people access their education in a way that works for the student, their family and the school.

Early intervention.

We get involved before chronic absence causes long-term harm. Schools refer students when, for any reason, they've missed 10% or more of elapsed school days.

Personalized support.

We focus first on building relationships so that support can be tailored to a family's unique needs: learning accommodations, community resources, extracurricular opportunities, and connections among staff and peers.

Collaborative solutions.

We encourage students, school staff, and all engaged family members to share accountability and co-create strategies for success.



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Young people who consistently show up and engage at school develop:

- ★ **Critical life skills** that lead to more opportunities and better economic outcomes
- ★ **Trusting relationships** with peers & mentors who can provide lifelong support
- ★ **Resilience** and a sense of identity, which correlate with long-term well being.