

The Vermont Adoption Consortium is comprised of agencies and groups from around the state who have joined together for a common purpose: to support Vermont's adoptive and guardianship families.

Beliefs that guide our work

- ▶ All children deserve lifelong family connections
- ▶ Permanence—achieved either through adoption or guardianship—is desirable for children who need families
- ▶ Permanence is a lifelong process with rewards and challenges at different stages along the way
- ▶ Adoptive and guardianship families should be able to access services when and where they need them
- ▶ Building cultural connections is important for multicultural, transracial and LGBT families

Post-permanence services

The need for support and services does not end when legal permanence is achieved. Post-permanence services help build healthy family relationships that last a lifetime.

Services aim to meet the unique and ever-changing needs of children and the families that care for them.

This could include:

- ▶ Consultation to treatment teams
- ▶ Guidance with birth parent relationships
- ▶ Help addressing challenges that may come up for children who have experienced trauma
- ▶ Help with school issues
- ▶ In-home parent education
- ▶ Referral to community resources
- ▶ Support groups

Learning opportunities

The consortium sponsors ongoing learning opportunities for parents and professionals. This could include conferences, workshops, trainings and classes aimed at one or more of the following audiences:

- ▶ Pre-adoptive parents
- ▶ Adoptive parents
- ▶ Guardianship families
- ▶ Professionals (e.g., case managers, child care providers, educators, social workers and therapists)

The consortium also has an extensive lending library covering a broad range of topics. Parents and professionals in Vermont and New Hampshire can check books out online, in person, and by phone or email.

vtadoption.org/lending-library.html



Have questions? Need help?

Give us a call or send us an email to tell us about your situation and how we might be able to help.

Phone: (802) 585-9833

Email: VTadoption@vermont.gov

Learn more online

Go to vtadoption.org to:

- ▶ Access our lending library
- ▶ Connect to other resources
- ▶ Find a support group
- ▶ Find out about upcoming events, including learning opportunities
- ▶ Learn more about the services that are available
- ▶ Read copies of our newsletter

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Member Agencies

Adoption Advocates

Shelburne - (802) 985-8289

Department for Children & Families

Waterbury - (802) 241-2131

Dothan Brook Associates

Wilder - (802) 356-9393

Easter Seals Vermont

Berlin - (802) 223-4744

Friends in Adoption

VT & NY - 1-800-982-3678

Howard Center

Burlington - (802) 488-6600

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Burlington - (802) 864-7467

Northeastern Family Institute

St. Albans - (802) 524-1700

Northeast Kingdom Human Services

Newport - (802) 334-6744

St. Johnsbury - (802) 748-3181

Vermont Child Welfare Training Partnership

Burlington - (802) 656-3311

Vermont Foster & Adoptive Families Assoc.

Essex Junction - (802) 878-3984

Vermont Kin As Parents

Winooski (802) 871-5104



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