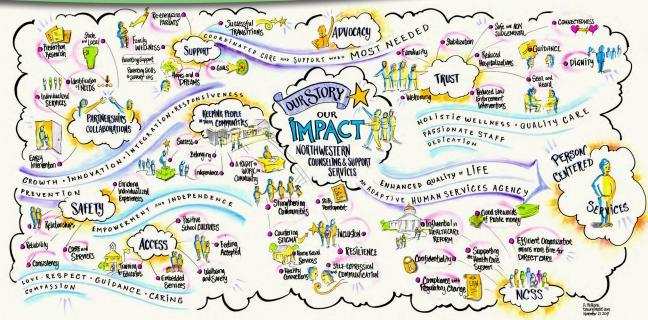


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#### **WHO WE ARE**

Northwestern Counseling & Support Services (NCSS) is a healthcare leader in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Since our origination in 1958, we have adapted and evolved to continually meet the ever-changing needs of our community. NCSS provides intervention and support to children, adolescents, and adults with emotional and behavioral challenges; a mental health diagnosis; adolescent substance use; and an intellectual disability or developmental delay.

It is our mission to ensure that the residents of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties have access to high quality services, which promote healthy living and emotional well-being.

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#### **COLLABORATION**

Effective collaboration with community partners is vital to the care we provide, and we are strongly engaged with local schools, primary care offices, law enforcement agencies, and other human service providers throughout Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

Through assessment, collaboration, and timely intervention, we strive to provide support to those we serve, right when they need it.





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- Franklin & Grand Isle Community Action | 802 527 7392
- NorthWest Family Foods | 802 527 7392
- Office of Racial Equity & Community Inclusion | 802 862 2771 X726
- Samaritan House/Tim's House | 802 527 0847
- Statewide Housing Advocacy Programs | 802 660 3455
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## Franklin-Grand Isle

## **Community Resource Directory**

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## I need food...

#### 3SquaresVT

(Formerly Food Stamps)

27 Federal Street, Suite 400
Saint Albans, VT 05478
(800) 660-4513 (800) 479-6151
(802) 241-2830 FAX
www.dcf.vermont.gov/
benefits/3SquaresVT
www.vermontfoodhelp.com

Helps Vermonters who meet certain guidelines to stretch their food budgets so they can buy more and better food and put three square meals a day on their tables.

Applicants may apply online at www.vermontfoodhelp.com, or download a physical application at the site. Applicants may also go directly to the Agency of Human Services district office at 27 Federal St. in St. Albans.

To request an application and have it mailed to you, call 1-800-479-6151.

## Free and Reduced School Snacks and Meals

Applications for free and reduced school lunches may be filed with the school. Only one application is needed per family.

For more information visit the Agency of Education's website www.education.vermont.gov.

## Free Summer Meals for Children

Communities with large numbers of children receiving free and reduced lunches may qualify for a federal program offering free lunches, and sometimes breakfast, to anyone under the age of 18. The programs are operated by schools, libraries, and community groups.

St. Albans City School works with city government and Franklin-Grand Isle Community Action to serve meals at seven sites around the city each summer.

NOTCH operates summer camps in Richford and Swanton which are free and include free meals.

To find a free meal site in your area, contact Hunger Free Vermont at 865-0255.

www.hungerfreevt.org

#### **Martha's Community Kitchen**

139 Lake Street Saint Albans, VT, 05478 (802) 524-9749

www.marthascommunitykitchen802.org

A soup kitchen providing breakfast and lunch to residents of St. Albans and surrounding towns. Grab and go meals are also available for those needing a meal later in the day. Open Monday to Friday.

"Grab and Go" meals are available between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day.

#### **Meals on Wheels**

Age Well

875 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. 210, Colchester 1-800-642-5119 or 802-865-0360

Nutritious meals delivered by community volunteers to the homes of seniors and those with disabilities. To sign up call the numbers above

## Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Vermont Dept. of Health 27 Federal Street St. Albans. VT 05478

WIC offers a monthly benefit to new mothers and their children with which they may purchase healthy foods. In addition, WIC offers breastfeeding support and nutrition classes.

Fathers, grandparents and foster parents may receive the benefit for children in their care.

To apply, contact the Dept. of Health office in St. Albans by calling 888-253-8801 or 802-524-7970.

## Spectrum Youth & Family Services

223 Lake Street, Saint Albans, VT 802-777-8749

#### stadropin@spectrumvt.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Lunch is served from 12 - 1 p.m. and dinner is served from 5 - 6 p.m.

A place for young people ages 14-24 to eat a free meal, use a computer or phone, do laundry, get clothing, take a shower, and get other needs met. Stop by during open hours, or call or email us for help.

#### **RESTAURANT MEALS**

Must present an Age Well restaurant ticket, with suggested donation of \$5. Tickets are available at the Age Well office at 875 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. 210 in Colchester or you can call Laura Need 802-662-5264 for more information.

## FRANKLIN & GRAND ISLE FOOD SHELVES

#### **NorthWest Family Foods**

5 Lemnah Drive, St. Albans VT (802) 527-7392

Hours: Monday - Friday, 12-2 p.m.

Located in St. Albans with satellites in Isle La Motte, NorthWest Family Foods serves thousands of people each year and is a key component of the Community Action office. In addition, the organization is aiming to increase food access to more people by offering deliveries.

#### St. Joseph's Church

60 Cemetery Rd, Isle La Motte, VT Last 2 Tuesdays each month, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Enosburg Food Shelf**

Corner of Main and Missisquoi St., Enosburg, VT (802) 933-4193 Hours: Thurs. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Fairfield Community Food Shelf

Fairfield Community Center, School St., Fairfield, VT (802)827-3130

Hours: Tuesdays 1:30 – 5 p.m.; Second Friday of the month 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. For emergency appointment call and leave message.

#### **Georgia Food Shelf**

Georgia Public Library 1697 Ethan Allen Hwy., Georgia, VT (802) 524-2364

Hours: Mondays 4-5 p.m. food pickup.

## Champlain Islands Food Shelf

St. Josephs' Church,

185 Route 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458 (802) 372-8404 Hours: Wednesdays 2-5:30 p.m.

#### **Richford Food Shelf**

**NOTCH Partnering Project** 53 Main St., Richford, VT (802) 255-5515 Hours: Monday 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - noon.

#### **Montgomery Food Shelf**

Montgomery United Methodist Church, 20 Fuller Bridge Rd., Montgomery, VT (802) 326-4651. Call for an appointment.

#### **Sheldon Food Shelf**

Sheldon Methodist Church, 52 Church St., Sheldon, VT (802) 933-4487 Hours: Third Tuesday of the month:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m., otherwise call for an appointment.

#### **Swanton Food Shelf**

Church of the Nativity, Parish Hall, 65 Canada St. Swanton, VT (802) 868-4162

Hours: Tuesdays 9 a.m. - noon.

#### **Abenaki Food Pantry**

100 Grand Avenue, Swanton, VT (802) 868-6255 ext.1 Hours: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.

#### **Highgate Food Shelf**

3060 Route 78, Highgate, VT (802) 868-4921

Hours: Monday and Tuesday 2-5:30 p.m.

## **DON'T SEE YOUR ORGANIZATION? NEED TO UPDATE YOUR LISTING?**

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If you'd like to learn more about attending or hosting a workshop in Franklin County, contact your Regional Coordinator at ncunningham@nmcinc.org or call 802-752-1985.



To take the first step, visit: MYHEALTHYVT.ORG





## I need childcare...

#### **Early Childhood Resource Team The Family Center**

130 Fisher Pond Road, Saint Albans, VT 05478 (800) 834-7793 Toll Free (802) 524-6554

www.ncssinc.org familctr@ncssinc.org

Provides information and referrals for those seeking childcare, as well as financial assistance. Also provides support and training for childcare providers.

#### **Champlain Valley Head Start**

255 South Champlain St., Suite 10, Burlington, VT 05401 802-752-9397 apply-cvhs@cvoeo.org champlainvalleyheadstart.org

High-quality preschool and early education programs for eligible families, for children ages birth up to five years in Classroom centers or our Home Visiting program. Pregnancy Services are also available for pregnant parents. Upon birth, babies will automatically be enrolled in the Home Visiting program. The mission of CVHS is to help children and families thrive and reach their full potential. Our programs promote the health, safety and well-being of children, and aim to meet the changing needs of families and communities.

Ages for classrooms vary by site. Applications for all programs are accepted throughout the year. Call, email, or visit our website for more information.

#### Champlain Islands **Parent Child Center**

114 South Street, South Hero, VT 05486 (802) 372-4704

#### www.cipcc.org

Building strong children, confident families and connected communities. Licensed. NAEYC accredited, 5 Star, full-time childcare for children birth to age five in South Hero, Early Head Start and Preschool Head Start programs in collaboration with Champlain Valley Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten program in collaboration with Grand Isle Supervisory Union. Playgroups, information and referral, and a site for other service providers.

#### **Curiosity Corners Preschool** 71 Main Street, Saint Albans, VT 05478

Serves as the preschool at Northwest Technical Center. Children aged 3 to 5 are welcome to participate in the preschool curriculum.

#### **Maple Run Early Childhood Programs**

28 Catherine Street, St. Albans (802) 524-3613, jbarnes@maplerun.org

Provides preschool opportunities for those living in the greater St. Albans area. Referrals from families, community and other service providers. Screenings may recommend a comprehensive evaluation to determine eligibility.

#### Missisquoi Valley Early **Childhood Programs**

100 Robin Hood Drive, Suite 2 Swanton, VT 05488 (802) 868-4457

Provides preschool opportunities to those in Highgate, Franklin, Sheldon and Swanton. Referrals from families, community and other service providers. Screenings may recommend a comprehensive evaluation to determine eligibility.

#### **Grand Isle Supervisory Union Essential Early Education**

224 US Route 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458 (802) 372-6942 (802) 372-5292 FAX www.gisu.org

Consultation and developmental screening, comprehensive evaluation and educational programs in home and community settings for children with special needs, or those at risk in Alburgh, Isle La Motte, North Hero, Grand Isle and South Hero.

#### **Alburgh School District Preschool Program**

14 North Main Street Alburgh, VT 05440 (802)-796-3573

> For a full listing of childcare programs in the region contact The Family Center at 802-524-6554.

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## I need a job...

#### **VERMONT DEPT. OF LABOR**

#### St. Albans Career Resource Center

27 Federal Street, Suite 100 St. Albans, VT 05478 802-524-6585

The career centers have computers where job seekers may access the Internet, educational resources, information on employers and more. The centers are equipped with assistive technology for individuals with disabilities. Staff are also available to provide specific resources to veterans.

#### **Vermont Job Link**

www.vermontjoblink.com

Operated by the Vermont Dept. of Labor, Vermont Job Link contains a database of jobs available throughout the state. Job seekers are also able to post their resumes online for potential employers to review. There is also information on job training opportunities, including apprenticeship programs in skilled trades such as electricians. The site also has information on how to craft a resume, identifying possible careers and other aspects of job hunting.

#### **JOB TRAINING**

#### **Northwest Technical Center**

71 South Main Street, St. Albans, VT 05478

(802) 527-0614

www.maplerun.org/o/nwtc

The center offers 11 daytime programs and almost 100 adult evening programs.

#### **Pathstone**

86 North Main Street Saint Albans, Vermont 05478 (800) 888-6770 www.pathstone.org

Pathstone assists farmworkers by paying the cost of an occupational skills training that will lead to a higher paying job, preferably on the farm, or in a field of the worker's choice. We can also assist farm owners by paying the cost of a training for a member of their workforce.

#### **Vermont Works For Women**

32A Malletts Bay Avenue, Winooski, VT 05404

(800) 639-1472 Toll Free (802) 655-8900

www.vtworksforwomen.org

An educational and advocacy organization that trains, educates, supports and advocates for women and girls in Vermont exploring or pursuing opportunities in the skilled trades, technical, and other non-traditional fields.

#### **JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES**

#### **Hire Ability**

www.vocrehab.vermont.gov 27 Federal Street, Suite 200 St. Albans, Vermont 05478 (802) 527-4045

Hire Ability assists those with disabilities with finding a job as well as job training.

#### Vermont Associates for Training and Development

3 Champlain Commons, Suite 2 St. Albans, VT 05478 www.a4td.org (802) 370-6161

Vermont Associates for Training and Development is a senior employment organization that provides self-assessment, skills training, and job search aid for Vermonters 55 years and older.

## PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

The agencies below are paid by companies to find people to work for them, often in temporary positions.

#### Vermont Employment Agency St. Albans Office

12 Kingman Street St. Albans, VT 05478 (802)782-8255

#### No computer?

Most of the area's libraries provide free computer and internet access. For a complete list of local libraries, see page 18.

#### **Adecco Staffing**

274 North Main Street St. Albans, VT 05478 (802)527-0006

#### Westaff

544 Highgate Commons Road Suite 102, St Albans City, VT 05478 (802) 527-7226

#### **STARTING A BUSINESS**

#### **CVOEO Financial Futures**

5 Lemnah Drive, Suite 5, St. Albans, VT (802) 860-1417 x 12 cvoeo.org

The Financial Futures Program supports Vermonters to reach their personal financial goals with four distinct programs: Financial Empowerment for New Americans, Micro Business Development, Personal Finance and Vermont Matched Savings. Services are available at no cost to adults earning low-tomoderate incomes. (802) 860-1417 x 121

## Center for Women & Enterprise

431 Pine St., Suite 101 Burlington, VT 05401 info.Vermont@cweonline.org. 802-391-4870

Funded in part by the Small Business Administration, CWE supports women who are interested in starting or expanding a small business.

#### Vermont Small Business Development Center

Franklin County office located at Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation

P.O. Box 1099 / 2 North Main Street St. Albans, VT 05478-1099 (802) 524-2194 www.vtsbdc.org

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**Sound:** You may hear an unusual noise like a roaring, hissing, or whistling.

#### If you suspect a leak:

Move immediately to a safe location. Call VGS at 800-639-8081 or call 911 with the exact location. Do not smoke or operate electrical switches or appliances. These items may produce a spark that might result in a dangerous condition. Do not assume someone else will report the condition.

More safety information here:





## The Franklin Homestead & Franklin Carriage House

Housing Options For Seniors 55 And Over

Both sites are located on extensive, beautiful grounds in a small, vibrant community. Walk to the Library, Post Office, stores and churches crossing an accessible and charming covered foot bridge. Radiant Floor Heat, Electricity, Basic Cable, Parking and comfortable shared living spaces are included in the rent.



#### Franklin Homestead

Offers 23 one and two bedroom affordable apartments, elevator access, free laundry facilities on each floor and a large community room.



#### Franklin Carriage House

Offers private efficiency apartments with supportive services including meals and snacks, cleaning, laundry services and emergency buzzer system.

Call **285-2944**, Stacy Silloway, Manager for information or a guided tour **142 Homestead Dr., Franklin, VT** 



ing a small business including such areas as hiring, marketing and funding. Some programs and classes may be free.

#### **OTHER PROGRAMS**

## Vermont Youth Conservation Corps

1949 East Main Street, Richmond, VT 05477 (802) 434-3969

www.vycc.org info@vycc.org

A non-profit service, conservation, and education organization. Each year, the Corps hires over 300 young people between the ages of 16 and 24 to build trails, restore

## 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS

Links to all of the State of Vermont's assistance programs to those in need may be found at dcf.vermont.gov/benefits

## I need housing...

## Franklin-Grand Isle Community Action

5 Lemnah Dr. St. Albans, VT 05478 Phone: (802) 527-7392

Community Action can assist those in danger of losing their housing as well as provide assistance with paying utility and heating bills.

#### Vermont State Housing Authority

One Prospect Street, Montpelier, VT 05602 Voice: 802-828-3295 TDD: 800-798-3118 Message Line: 800-820-5119

VSHA administers Section 8 housing vouchers in Franklin County, as well as a home ownership program. VSHA also manages affordable housing itself and offers information for tenants.

#### Habitat for Humanity, Franklin Grand Isle Chapter

PO Box 1375, Saint Albans, VT 05478 (802) 524-3501

www.franklingrandislehabitat.org info@franklingrandislehabitat.org

Volunteers build houses for those in need. For family referral, call 849-6146. Accepting donations of building materials and household items. To donate, call 524-3501.

#### **Homeshare Vermont**

412 Farrell Street, Suite 300 South Burlington, VT 05403 (802) 863-5625 (802) 651-0881 FAX www.homesharevermont.org

A homesharing/caregiving matching program that helps make it possible for the elderly and people with disabilities to remain in their own homes by bringing them together with persons who seek affordable housing and/or caregiving opportunities. HOURS: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### **Champlain Housing Trust**

13 Lake Street, St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 527-2361 (802) 527-2373 FAX www.getahome.org

Champlain Housing Trust manages several affordable housing projects in the region, while also administering programs for first time home buyers and for low-income home owners who need to make repairs to their homes, including classes on budgeting and saving.

#### **Tim's House**

20 Kingman Street #1, St. Albans, VT 05478

(802) 527-0847

A homeless shelter that provides temporary shelter and transitional housing for single adults in Franklin and Grand Isle counties.

## Vermont Housing Finance Agency

164 St. Paul Street, Burlington, VT 05401 PO Box 408, Burlington, VT 05402 (802) 864-5743 (802) 864-8081 FAX www.vhfa.org home@vhfa.org

Vermont Housing Finance Agency offers low cost homeownership mortgage products to qualified Vermont home buyers, makes loans and issues housing tax credits for nonprofit and for-profit developers to create and preserve affordable rental housing and supports a number of other initiatives that address a wide spectrum of housing needs in Vermont.

#### **Housing Advocacy Programs**

255 South Champlain St. Burlington, VT Vermont Tenants Hotline: (802) 864-0099 Mobile Home Hotline: (802) 660-3455 ext.204; cvoeo.org

CVOEO's Housing Advocacy Programs (HAP) provide workshops, support, advocacy, technical assistance and referrals for people and organizations all over Vermont. The HAP team serves renters, mobile home residents, and people experiencing housing discrimination, and also partners with housing and service providers, municipal officials, and other organizations to promote inclusive, affordable housing for all.

## I need help paying my bills...

## BUDGETING AND CREDIT BUILDING

#### **CVOEO Financial Futures**

5 Lemnah Drive, Suite 5 St. Albans,VT 05478 (802) 860-1417 x 121 cvoeo.org

The Financial Futures Program supports Vermonters to reach their personal financial goals with four distinct programs: Financial Empowerment for New Americans Micro Business Development, Personal Finance, and Vermont Matched Savings. Services are available at no cost to adults earning low-to-moderate incomes.

#### **HELP WITH UTILITIES**

#### **LiHEAP**

LiHeap is a federal program administered by the State of Vermont which assists households earning less than 185 percent of the federal poverty line with paying for heat. Both renters and homeowners are eligible, regardless of other assets. Franklin- Grand Isle Community Action is able to assist with applications. Community Action is located at 5 Lemnah Drive, St. Albans. They may also be reached at (802)527-7392.

Applications may be made directly online at dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/fuel-assistance.

To ask questions about the program, call 1-800-479-6151 or visit the St. Albans office of the Economic Services Division at 27 Federal Street, Suite 400, St. Albans, VT 05478.

#### Green Mountain Power's Energy Assistance

Residential customers of Green Mountain Power earning less than 150 percent of the federal poverty limit are eligible for 25 percent off their first 600 kilowatts of electricity each month. Applications must be made through the state's Economic Services Division. File online by visiting dcf.vermont.gov/ benefits/eap/gmp or call 1-800-775-0516 to request a paper application.

#### Vermont Gas Energy Assistance

Residential customers of Vermont Gas, Inc. earning less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level may be eligible for a 20 percent discount on their monthly gas bill.

Applications must be made through the state's Economic Services Division. File online by visiting dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/eap/vt-gas or call 1-800-775-0516 to request a paper application.

## Emergency and Crisis Fuel Assistance

Those facing imminent loss of heat, electricity or phone service should contact
Franklin-Grand Isle Community Action which administers programs offering emergency aid with utility bills.

Community Action is located at 5 Lemnah Drive, Suite 5, St. Albans. They may also be reached at (802)527-7392.

#### **HELP WITH MEDICAL BILLS**

#### **Age Well**

875 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. 210, Colchester Helpline: 1-800-642-5119 www.agewellvt.org

Age Well's State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides information, assistance and support to Medicare beneficiaries who need help selecting or managing public and/or private health insurance benefits.

#### **Green Mountain Care**

(800) 250-8427 Toll Free (888) 834-7898 TDD/TTY dvha.vermont.gov/members

Includes existing programs such as Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP), Medicaid, and Prescription Assistance, as well as the Catamount Health program.

HOURS: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

#### **Health Care Advocate Project**

274 North Winooski Avenue Burlington, VT 05401 (800) 917-7787 Toll Free Links to all of the State of Vermont's assistance programs to those in need may be found at dcf.vermont.gov/benefits.

#### www.vtlegalaid.org

Advocates for individual Vermonters with health care and health insurance issues.

## Jim Bashaw Cancer And Catastrophic Illness Fund

c/o Northwestern Medical Center 133 Fairfield Street, Saint Albans, VT 05478

(802) 524-8479

www.northwesternmedicalcenter.org

Financial assistance to residents of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties who are experiencing catastrophic illness from cancer or other causes. Items covered include but are not limited to: medications, medical equipment, transportation, private/respite care, nutritional support and prostheses.

#### **You First Program**

VT Department of Health Dial 711 first for TTY/TDD (800) 508-2222

www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/youfirst

Pays for mammograms, Pap tests and screening for cholesterol and blood pressure for women with limited income who are: VT residents, age 40+, or 21-39 with breast symptoms or abnormal Pap tests (women 21-39 are eligible for breast and cervical services only). Assistance with childcare, elder care and transportation to attend Ladies First appointments is available (Women with Medicare Part B, Medicaid, or VHAP are not eligible for You First).

#### Northwestern Medical Center Patient Financial Services

133 Fairfield Street St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 524-5911 PFSCustomerService@nmcinc.org Northwestern Medical Center provides financial assistance programs for patients. Financial assistance applications are available at any registration area or from our Financial Counselor located at the front of the hospital. Contact our Financial Counselor at (802) 524-1006.

#### OTHER BILLS AND SERVICES

#### **Swanton Methodist Church Thrift Shop**

23 Grand Avenue, Swanton, VT 05488 (802) 868-2650 - Church Office

A faith community that sponsors a thrift shop in Swanton.

#### **Social Security Administration Office** of Public Inquiries

Windsor Park Building 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235

(800) 772-1213 Toll Free (800) 863-4122 TTY www.ssa.gov

Office for written inquiries if more assistance is needed than can be provided by phone or internet. Services include Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medicare Applications, Social Security Retirement Benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Survivor Benefits.

#### **Vermont Legal Aid**

264 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

PO Box 1367, Burlington, VT 05402 (800) 889-2047 (802) 863-5620 www.vtlegalaid.org

A legal services organization that provides legal information and services to low-income, elderly and individuals with disabilities throughout Vermont. Assistance is offered to eligible Vermont residents in areas of disability, domestic violence, health care, housing, public assistance and individual rights.

#### **Vermont Office of Child Support**

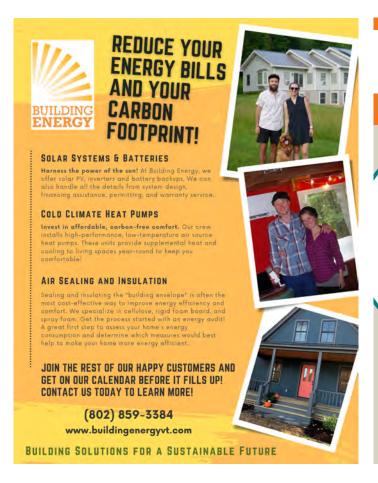
103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-1901 (802) 241-2319 (800) 786-3214 dcf.vermont.gov/ocs

Part of the VT Agency of Human Services, the Office of Child Support assists custodial parents with insuring child care payments are made.

#### **Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC)**

10 East Allen Street, Winooski, VT 05404 PO Box 2000, Winooski, VT 05404 (800) 642-3177 (802) 655-9602 www.vsac.org

A public nonprofit agency serving Vermont that provides Vermont's 529 College Savings Plan; career and education planning; and education grants, scholarships, and loans. Assistance is available for both degree and non-degree programs.



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## I struggle with addiction...

#### Turning Point of Franklin County

182 Lake Street, Saint Albans, VT (802) 782-8454 331 Main St., Enosburg Falls, VT www.turningpointfranklincounty.org

Turning Point of Franklin County is a community center for people in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse, addiction and addictive behaviors. Turning Point provides a safe, substance-free environment populated by people in recovery who offer peer support at no cost. The recovery center hosts a number of support groups and provides free access to Narcan to anyone willing to receive the required training. Their website has a schedule of Narcan trainings and support group meetings.

#### **BAART St. Albans**

242 S. Main Street St. Albans, VT 05478 802.370.3545

BAART provides addiction treatment services.

#### **NOTCH**

www.notchvt.org

The Northern Tiers Centers for Health offers outpatient addiction treatment here in Franklin County.

#### **Alanon / Alateen World Service**

1600 Corporate Landing Parkway Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617 (866) 972-5266 Toll Free Vermont (802) 860-8388 Info. & Services Vermont (888) 344-2666 Toll Free Al-Anon World Service | www.al-anon.alateen.org www.vermontalanonalateen.org

A worldwide fellowship of persons who have been affected by someone's drinking. The organization sponsors 12-step meetings in Vermont and worldwide.

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

St. Albans Answering Service: (802)741-7100
Burlington Answering Service: (802)864-1212
www.aavt.org

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a self help organization that follows the 12-step model in support groups for people in recovery from alcohol abuse. AA provides information about AA support groups through a network of local information lines in Vermont. 24 hours, 7 days a week. AA's Vermont website also contains a listing of times and locations for all AA meetings in the state.

#### Centerpoint Adolescent Treatment Services

1025 Airport Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 | (802) 488-7711 www.centerpointservices.org

Mental health, substance abuse, and special education services for teens and families.

#### **Recovery Vermont**

100 State Street Suite 352, Montpelier, VT 05601 | (802) 223-6263 www.recoveryvt.org

Promotes the power of recovery from addictions to improve the quality of life and health for Vermonters. Statewide advocacy and education organization for those in recovery from substance abuse and mental health issues and their families. Our mission is to organize recovering individuals, families and friends into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other addictions.

#### Howard Center Substance Abuse Services

172 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 524-7265 (802) 524-5723 FAX www.howardcenter.org

Outpatient substance abuse services for adults. Programs provide professional, confidential, and supportive therapy.

#### Narcotics Anonymous Champlain Valley Area

PO Box 64714, Burlington, VT 05406-4714 (802) 862-4516 24-Hour Helpline (866) 580-8718 Toll Free www.cvana.org cvanavt@gmail.com

Provides information about meeting times and places for NA meetings, a 12-step support group for men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem. The Champlain Valley Area covers an area in Vermont as far north as Newport, as far

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south as Middlebury, east to Morrisville and west to Plattsburgh (NY).

#### Phoenix Houses of New England

99 Wayland Avenue, Suite 100 Providence, RI 02906 Find treatment or support: 1-888-392-7867 www.phoenixhouse.org

A non-profit drug abuse and treatment organization, serving Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, and Rhode Island. Programs for Vermont residents include residential treatment for adults and a transitional program. In collaboration with the Vermont Department of Corrections, Phoenix House provides an intensive outpatient program for ex-offenders, and in-prison residential treatment.

#### **Brattleboro Retreat**

1 Anna Marsh Lane, Brattleboro, VT 05301

PO Box 803, Brattleboro, VT 05302 (802)-258-3700 | brattlebororetreat.org

A not-for-profit, regional specialty psychiatric hospital and addictions treatment center that serves Vermont and surrounding region with diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitation services. A continuum of care is available, including inpatient, partial hospitalization, residential and outpatient treatment.

## Vermont Harm Reduction Coalition

187 St. Paul Street, Burlington, VT 05401 (800) 649-2437 Toll Free 24-Hour Helpline

(802) 863-2437 | vtcares.org

A peer-run advocacy organization that provides educational and support services to reduce drug-related harm throughout Vermont. Services include peer advocacy and case management, support groups, and assistance in accessing treatment and community services. The Coalition collaborates with professionals and agencies to promote humane drug policies.

#### SaVida Health

17 Catherine St, St Albans City, VT 05478 (802) 210-1992

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## I'm in need of health care...

#### **Alburgh Health Center**

64 Industrial Park Rd., Alburgh, VT 05440 (802) 796-4414

#### **Enosburg Health Center**

382 Main Street, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450 (802) 933-5831 (802) 933-5836

#### **Fairfax Health Center**

1199 Main Street Fairfax, Vermont 05454 (802) 849-2844

#### **Fairfax Pharmacy**

997 Main St, Fairfax, VT 05454 (802) 849-2101

#### **Fiddlehead Dental**

39 Congress street St. Albans, VT 05478 802-524-9774 fiddleheaddental.com

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#### **Georgia Health Center**

4178 Highbridge Rd, Fairfax, VT 05454 (802) 528-2600

## Northwestern Counseling & Support Services

107 Fisher Pond Rd, St. Albans, VT 05478 24-Hour Emergency Services HOTLINE: (802) 524-6554 Ext. 1 (802) 524-6554 (802) 527-7801 FAX www.ncssinc.org

A private not for profit community behavioral health center which provides comprehensive mental health and developmental serves for families and individuals, including an emergency services hotline.

Services are provided at both the NCSS offices and in the community. HOURS: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Northern Tier Center for Health (NOTCH)

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Administration Office
44 Main Street, Suite 200
Richford, VT 05476
(802) 255-5560 www.notchvt.org

#### **Northwestern Medical Center**

133 Fairfield Street, Saint Albans, VT 05478

(802) 524-5911 (800) 696-0321 www.NorthwesternMedicalCenter.org

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#### **Richford Dental Clinic**

44 Main Street, Suite 400 Richford, Vermont 05476 (802) 255-5520 (802) 255-5529 FAX

## Richford Health Center & Pharmacy

44 Main Street, Suite 200 Richford, VT 05476 (802) 255-5500

#### Saint Albans Health Center

Doctors Office Commons 3 Crest Road, Saint Albans, VT 05478 (802) 524-4554

#### St. Albans Pharmacy

3 Crest Road St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 527-6700

#### **Swanton Health Center**

Medical and Dental Services 26 Canada Street, Swanton, VT 05488 (802) 868-2454

#### **Swanton Rexall**

13 York St., Swanton, VT 05488 (802) 868-3338

## Vermont Department of Health

108 Cherry St., Burlington, VT 05402 (802) 863-7200 800-464-4343 www.healthvermont.gov

COVID-19 questions? Check the Frequently Asked Questions. For vaccine registration, call 855-722-7878. For testing or other COVID-19 questions, call 833-722-0860.

#### VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

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Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Information: 1-800-439-8550

This list does not include all health care providers in the area.

# I need an inexpensive way to entertain my family....

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

#### **Enosburgh Recreation Dept.**

Email: recdirector@enosburghvt.org www.enosburghvermont.org

The Town of Enosburgh recreation department offers a range of fitness classes for all ages along with a playgroup for the younger set.

#### **Fairfax Recreation Dept.**

12 Buck Hollow Road
Fairfax, VT 05454
(802) 849-6111 ex. 20
Email: recreation@fairfax-vt.gov
www. fairfaxrecreation.com

The Fairfax Recreation Department organizes fitness classes and a wide-range of family and community activities throughout the year.

## **Highgate Recreation Commission**

243 Gore Road Highgate, VT 05459 recdirector@highgatevt.org (802)-868-4406 www.highgatevt.myrec.com

#### St. Albans Recreation Dept.

264 Hardack Dr. St. Albans, VT 05478 (802)524-1971 or (802)524-1559 www.stalbansvt.myrec.com

The St. Albans Recreation Dept. operates day camp programs during the summer months and during long school breaks, as well as sports programs, afterschool programs, fitness classes and activities for all ages.

The recreation department also operates the St. Albans City Pool, including swim lessons and a swim team in the summer months.

Scholarships are available to assist those in need.

#### **Swanton Recreation Dept.**

www.swantonvt.myrec.com (802) 868-2493

#### E-mail: swantonrecreation@gmail.com

The Swanton Recreation Dept. organizes youth sports and community activities year round.

#### Franklin Recreation Dept.

P.O. Box 82, Franklin, VT 05657 (802)285-2101 Franklinvtrecreation@gmail.com www.franklinvt.myrec.org

The Franklin Recreation Dept. organizes youth sports and community activities year round.

## PARKS AND OTHER LOCATIONS

#### Barlow Street Community Center

39 Barlow Street St. Albans, VT 05478

The center is home to the St. Albans Recreation Dept. and is the site of many of its programs. There are also a playground, sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, all available for public use.

#### **Brownway River Trail**

Missisquoi Street Enosburg Falls

This mile long walking path bordering the Missisquoi River.

## Enosburgh's Free Kayak and Canoe Rental Program

The Flying Disc 342 Main Street Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

Area residents may borrow a canoe or kayak for free from the Enosburgh Recreation Committee by stopping by the Flying Disc Monday – Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Fairfax Community Park and Recreation Path

There are numerous state parks in Franklin and Grand Isle counties. For a full listing of those parks, visit www.vtstateparks.com

The Community Park & Recreation Path includes community ball fields and a paved 1/2 mile long recreational path that connects the natural surroundings with key community features, including stores, ball fields, and schools.

Directions to Community Park & Recreation Path

From I-89, take Exit #18 (Georgia Ctr./ Fairfax)

Turn Right on Ethan Allen Hwy. (US-7) – go 0.20.3 mi

Turn Left on Highbridge Rd. (VT-104A) – go 4.57.3 mi

Bear Right on Main St. (VT-104) – go 1.42.3 mi

Turn Right on Hunt St. – go 0.40.6 mi Parking on the Left

#### **Fairfield Pond Beach**

Pond Road, Fairfield

Open for swimming, boating and fishing in the summer months.

#### Hard'Ack Recreation Area

Located at the top of Congress Street in St. Albans, Hard'Ack offers a wide range of summer and winter activities at no cost including hiking, mountain biking, cross country and downhill skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, sledding and an outdoor skating rink. There is no charge to use the facilities.

#### Hazen's Notch

Welcome Center, 1423 VT-58, Montgomery Center, VT 05471

There are 30 trails over 2,000 acres on Hazen's Notch, offering free hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

#### **Highgate Arena**

243 Gore Rd Highgate Center, VT 05459 www.highgatevt.myrec.com

Managed by Town of Highgate's Recreation Commission the arena is home to several hockey leagues in the winter months, as well as public skating and learn to skate classes. There are also three softball/baseball fields at the arena and a one mile walking path. In the summer, opens the arena for summer sports and activities.

#### **Houghton Park**

Bordered by South Elm and Lower Welden Streets in St. Albans City, the park has a new playground, tennis courts and sports fields, all open to the public and free of charge.

#### **Lake Carmi State Park**

460 Marsh Farm Road (Route 236) Enosburg Falls, VT, 05450 Phone: 802-933-8383

Open for swimming, fishing, boating and camping in the summer months.

#### **Lamoille Valley Rail Trail**

https://railtrails.vermont.gov

At 93 miles long, the LVRT runs from Swanton to St. Johnsbury and is the longest rail trail in New England.

#### **Marble Mill Park**

Swanton, VT

Located on the banks of the Missisquoi River just a stone's throw from downtown Swanton, the park includes a playground, basketball and tennis courts and a newly opened skateboard park.

#### Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

www.mvrailtrail.com

This former railroad bed turned recreation trail extends from St. Albans to Richford, in many places winding alongside the Missisquoi River. The trail is free and open for walking, biking and snowmobiling.

#### Missisquoi Wildlife Refuge

29 Tabor Rd., Swanton, VT 05488 802-868-4781 missisquoi@fws.gov

Directions: Vermont RT. 78 to Tabor Rd. Turn onto Tabor, proceed south 1/4 mile to refuge HQ.

The 6,700-acre refuge is open from dawn to

dusk year round to hikers, bird watchers and nature lovers. The internationally recognized wetland is home to more than 200 species of bird including bald eagles, osprey and great blue herons. The refuge is free to visit, but visitors are asked to stop in at the office before venturing out on the trails.

#### **North Hero State Park**

3803 Lakeview Drive North Hero, VT, 05474 Phone: 802-372-8727

Swim, fish and boat here during the summer months.

## Richford Free Bike and Stroller Loan Program

Northern Tiers Centers for Health 44 Main Street, Richford

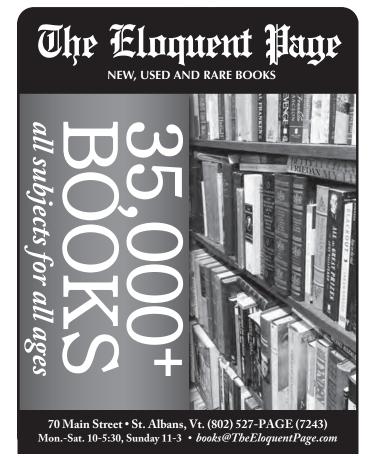
NOTCH has adult and youth bikes available to borrow for free. Bikes are available for loan 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

#### St. Albans Bay Park

596 Lake Road, St. Albans, VT 05478

The Bay Park is open year round, with a playground, ball fields, fishing access, swimming





in the summer and ice skating in the winter.

#### St. Albans City Pool

99 Aldis Street St. Albans, VT 05478 (802)524-1559 or (802)524-1971

The pool is home to a wide-range of summer activities including public swim time, swimming and lifeguard lessons, fitness classes and a swim team. The pool is managed the St. Albans Recreation Dept. Visit their site (www. stalbansrec.com) for more information.

#### St. Albans Museum

9 Church Street, St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 527-7933

Displays and artifacts related to history of St. Albans.

#### **Swanton Beach**

17 Moreau Drive, Swanton, VT 05488

Located about a mile outside of the Village on Lake Street, Swanton Beach offers a picnic area, shale beach, and a public boat ramp into Lake Champlain.

#### **LIBRARIES**

#### **Alburgh Public Library**

128 South Main Street, Alburgh, VT 05440 (802) 796-6077 www.alburghpl.org

#### **Arvin A. Brown Public Library**

88 Main Street, Richford, VT 05476 (802) 848-3313 www.aabrown.org

## HF Brigham Free Public Library

104 Main Street, Bakersfield, VT 05441 (802) 827-4414 www.hfbrighamlibrary.wordpress.com

#### Bent Northrup Memorial Library

164 Park Street, Fairfield, VT 05455 (802) 827-3945 www.bentnorthrop.org

#### **Enosburgh Public Library**

241 Main Street, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450 (802) 933-2328

www.enosburghlibrary.net

#### **Fairfax Community Library**

75 Hunt Street, Fairfax, VT 05454 (802) 849-2420 www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org

#### Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile

(802) 232-2554 fgibookmobile@yahoo.com fgimobile.org

The Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile provides outreach library services to children of all ages and works collaboratively with local libraries and early childhood programs. The Bookmobile delivers information and books to those unable for any reason to access their own public library.

#### Franklin Library/ Haston Library

5167 Main Street, Franklin, VT 05457 (802) 285-6505 www.franklinhastonlibraryvt.org

#### **Georgia Public Library**

1697 Ethan Allen Highway, Georgia, VT (802) 524-4643 www.georgiapubliclibraryvt.org

#### **Grand Isle Free Library**

10 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458 (802) 372-4797 www.grandislefreelibrary.org

## Highgate Public Library and Community Center

17 Mill Hill Road, Highgate Center, VT 05459 (802) 868-3970 www.hlccvt.org

## Isle La Motte Free Public Library

2238 Main Street, Isle La Motte, VT 05463 (802) 928-4113 www.islelamotte.us/services/library

#### **Montgomery Town Library**

86 Mountain Rd., Montgomery Center, VT 05471 (802) 326-3113 mtlibrary@pivot.net www.montgomerytownlibrary.com

#### **North Hero Public Library**

3195 Route 2, North Hero, VT 05474 (802) 372-5458 www.northherolibrary.org

#### **Sheldon Municipal Library**

1640 Main St., Sheldon, VT 05483 (802) 933-2524 ext. 206 www.facebook.com/sheldonmunicipallibrary

#### **Worthen Library**

28 Community Lane, South Hero, VT (802) 372-6209 www.southherolibrary.org

#### St. Albans Free Library

11 Maiden Lane, St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 524-1507 www.stalbansfreelibrary.org

#### **Swanton Public Library**

1 First Street, Swanton, VT 05488 (802) 868-7656 www.swantonlibrary.org

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

#### Franklin Grand Isle 4-H

c/o UVM Extension martha.manning@uvm.edu (802) 656-7621

An educational program that helps youth develop project and life skills.

#### Boy Scouts of America Green Mountain Council

PO Box 557 Waterbury, VT 05676 Phone Number: (802) 244-5189 www.scoutingvermont.org

To find a local troop, visit the web site above.

## Girl Scouts of the Green And White Mountains

60 Knight Lane, Suite 30, Williston, VT 05495 (888) 474-9686 (802) 878-3943 FAX www.girlscoutsgwm.org info@girlscoutsgwm.org

To join a local troop, visit the web site above. Scholarships are available to cover membership dues.

#### **Island Arts**

PO Box 108, North Hero, VT 05474 (802) 372-8889 www.islandarts.org

Island Arts offers courses in the arts for youth and adults, with scholarships available. It also brings professional artists and events to the community including a free concert for youth each year. Island Arts also operates a gallery displaying the works of local artists.

#### **Special Olympics Vermont**

16 Gregory Dr., Suite 2, South Burlington, VT 05403 (800) 639-1603 Toll Free (802) 863-5222 (802) 863-3911 FAX www.specialolympicsvermont.org

Special Olympics Vermont promotes the health and well-being of children and adults in Vermont with cognitive disabilities with year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports.

#### **Maguam Bay of Missisquoi**

100 Grand Ave., Swanton, VT 05488 (802)-868-6255

Serves children, parents, and families from the Abenaki community. Provides tutoring, home-school liaison support, cultural enrichment, parent support groups, and after school learning. Some programs also serve community members who are not Abenaki.

#### **Watershed Mentoring**

27 Church Street, Suite 2, St. Albans, VT 05478

www.fcccp.org info@fcccp.org

Supports mentoring throughout Franklin County, with an emphasis on adult-youth, community-based mentoring. Watershed Mentoring also partners with schools to develop and enhance school-based mentoring and peer mentoring programs.

#### **21C Afterschool Programs**

Saint Albans City School and the schools in Maple Run and Franklin Northeast Supervisory Unions offer after school and summer programming, providing academic support, physical activity, and enrichment opportunities to school-age youth. Please contact your local school for more information.

#### **Welden Theatre**

104 N Main St, St Albans City, VT 05478 www.weldentheatre.com

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## I need transportation...

#### Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources (CIDER)

12 Carter Ln, South Hero, VT 05486 (802) 372-6425 (802) 372-6747 FAX www.cidervt.org; ciderorgvt@gmail.com

CIDER provides transportation to the elderly and those with disabilities. It has a small fleet of wheelchair accessible vans that make regular visits to locations in Franklin and Chittenden counties. CIDER also provides rides to medical appointments and other places by van or car when contacted in advance. HOURS: Mon. - Fri.: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### **Good News Garage Vermont**

331 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

(877) 448-3288 Toll Free - 877-GIVE AUTO (802) 864-3667 (802) 864-6033 FAX www.goodnewsgarage.org

A community garage that accepts donated vehicles, repairs them and passes them on at low cost to qualified low-income individuals in Vermont.

HOURS: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### **Green Mountain Transit**

375 Lake Road Suite 3B St. Albans, VT 05478-2295 (802)527-2181 802 527-5302 FAX www.ridegmt.com

GMT provides public transit on multiple bus routes connecting Franklin County residents to work, shopping and essential services. For a schedule visit its website. Rides to medical appointments and other locations may be arranged in advance for the elderly and those with disabilities by calling the number above.

## DON'T SEE YOUR ORGANIZATION? NEED TO UPDATE YOUR LISTING?

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## **Other Important Services**

## SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

#### **Franklin County Senior Center**

75 Messenger St., St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 524-6616 www.fcseniorcenter.org

Community based center available for all senior citizens regardless of income. Offers a wide range of activities from card games to fitness classes. Also provides free and low cost meals for seniors every Wednesday and Thursday.

#### **CIDER**

12 Carter Ln, South Hero, VT 05486 (802) 372-6425 (802) 372-6747 FAX www.cidervt.org; ciderorgvt@gmail.com

Best known for their transportation services, CIDER assists seniors in a range of areas, including making homes more accessible, fitness classes and senior meals.

#### Northwest Vermont Foster Grandparent Program

(802) 861-7823

A unique opportunity for individuals 55 and older to remain engaged in the community while helping children with critical needs. Volunteers may qualify for a modest stipend. Apply today at United Way NWVT. org/fostergrandparents or contact Trezanra Robertson at trezanra@united way nwvt.org, or at (802) 861-7823 for more information.

#### **Bone Builders**

FREE, low-impact exercise classes designed to prevent and reverse the effects of osteoporosis in older adults. Find a class at United-WayNWVT.org/bone-builders or contact Danielle Schwer at danielle@unitedwaynwvt. org or (802) 861-7821 for more information.

#### **Age Well**

875 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. 210, Colchester, VT (Satellite offices in St. Albans and Middlebury) (800) 642-5119 Helpline (802) 865-0363 FAX www.agewellvt.org

Provides a wide range of services for seniors in the Champlain Valley, including assistance with aging at home, transitioning in or out of the hospital or other facility, Meals on Wheels and free or low cost senior meals. Their confidential help line can connect seniors to additional services.

#### **Elder Law Project**

www.vtlegalaid.org/elder-law-project Fill out a request for legal assistance at www.vtlawhelp.org/vlh-intake

Vermont Legal Aid's Elder Law Project focuses on the legal needs and problems of people over the age of 60. They can help with legal advice, assistance with documents such as powers of attorney and advance directives, advocacy and full representation. Legal Aid represents seniors on legal issues like public



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housing, health care, government benefits and guardianship. Through their Medicaid project, they can also help seniors appeal health care coverage decisions made by Medicaid.

#### **SERVICES FOR VETERANS**

## Vermont Veterans & Family Outreach Program

(888) 607-8773 Toll Free - 24-Hour

The outreach program assists combat veterans and their families. The program is staffed with veterans who assist other veterans.

#### **Veterans Crisis Line**

988, Press 1

#### Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans

For assistance with benefits issues call (802) 828-3616, or the call center at 1-855-VA-WOMEN

#### Josh's House

162 Hegeman Ave, Colchester, VT 05446 (802) 495-5915 info@joshpallottafund.org

Josh's House is a wellness and recreational center open for daily meals, coaching and fitness.

#### **National Suicide Hotline**

988

#### **Office of Veterans Affairs**

118 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-4401

(802) 828-3379 Information & Services - Outside of Vermont

(888) 666-9844 Toll Free within Vermont www.veterans.vermont.gov

Administers a variety of benefits programs for Vermont Veterans. Programs include Benefits Assistance, Military Records, Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Vermont Veterans Medal and Vermont Distinguished Service Medal, high school diplomas for World War II and Korean War era Veterans, Needy Veterans Fund, Air Forces Scholarship, and Casualty Assistance.

## Veterans Administration (VA) in Vermont

866-687-8387

The VA in Vermont operates a medical center, two veterans centers and outreach clinics. Below are the closest veterans center and outreach clinic.

#### **Vet Center**

19 Gregory Drive Suite 201 South Burlington, VT 05403 (802) 862-1806

A Veterans center serving northwest VT and Clinton, Franklin & Essex Counties, NY. Services for Veterans include: individual, group, marital and family, substance abuse, and sexual trauma counseling, job and benefits referrals.

#### Veterans Affairs Medical Center

163 Veterans Drive, White River Junction, VT 05009 (802) 295-9363 www.whiteriver.va.gov

The White River Junction Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center and Regional Office of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, serves eligible veterans throughout Vermont with health care, research and educational services. Provides inpatient and outpatient health care, including primary care, medical, surgical, mental health, substance abuse treatment, and contracted in-home and long-term care. Outreach to Vermont Veterans, including benefits assistance, mental health treatment, and reintegration counseling is provided at Outreach Clinics.

#### **VA Outreach Clinic**

128 Lakeside Avenue, Suite 260 Burlington, VT 05401 Phone: (802) 657-7000 Fax: (802) 657-7077

#### VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Listed below are resources for people who are the victims of violence, particularly sexual and domestic violence.

#### Voices Against Violence/ Laurie's House

23 Catherine Street, St. Albans, VT 05478 24 Hour Crisis Number: (802) 524-6575 voicesagainstviolence.org

Voices offers a full range of supports and resources for victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties which are available through the 24 hour hotline at 802 524-6575. Services include emotional support and safety planning, emergency shelter and transitional housing, assistance with protection orders and criminal justice support, children's services, community education, prevention and training, system's advocacy and supervised visitation through All About Kids.

## Safe At Home Address Confidentiality Program

(800) 439-8683 (802) 828-0586 sos.vermont.gov/secretary-of-state-services/safe-at-home/

Protects survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking after relocation to a residence unknown to their perpetrator with a substitute address in VT where they can receive mail, minimizing the amount of people who know where a victim resides.

#### Safespace at the Pride Center of Vermont

255 South Champlain St. Suite 12, Burlington, VT 05401 Hotline: 802-863-0003

A victims advocacy program providing assistance to survivors in Vermont of physical, sexual, and emotional violence who identify as being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQQ). Services include information, support, referrals, and advocacy to LGBTQQ survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and hate crimes. Hotline is staffed by advocates Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

PO Box 405, Montpelier, VT 05601 (800) 228-7395 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline

(800) 489-7273 24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline

www.vtnetwork.org

A feminist organization committed to eradicating domestic and sexual violence through advocacy, empowerment and social change.

#### Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services

58 South Main St., Suite 1 Waterbury, VT 05676 (800) 750-1213 (VT Only) (802) 241-1250

www.ccvs.vermont.gov

The center provides services to victims of crime. The center's website contains information about restitution and compensation for crime victims.

## ORGANIZATIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## Champlain Valley Weatherization

#### (800) 545-1084

#### cvoeo.org / cvws@cvoeo.org

Champlain Valley Weatherization helps low-income Vermonters make improvements to their homes to promote energy efficiency, comfort and savings on their energy bills. In addition, the program supports safety, efficiency and effectiveness of home heating systems, and lighting and appliance upgrades (where applicable) through a partnership with Efficiency Vermont. The program also connects people with renovation construction services.

#### Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center

120 North Main Street, St. Albans, VT (802) 524-7006

Creative by the mergers of the restorative justice and court diversion programs, the center provides services for those getting out of prison, as well as running restorative justice and court diversion programs that provide an alternative to prison. The center also has a school truancy program and a dispute resolution program for neighbors.

## Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition

133 Fairfield St., St. Albans, VT

### (802) 524-1296 abrewer@nmcinc.org

Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition is a collaborative, comprehensive effort to inform, support, prevent, and protect the FGI community from the harms of tobacco use and nicotine addiction. We work to connect anyone who uses nicotine to effective quit resources, protect all from harms of secondhand smoke and cigarette butt litter, and work to prevent young people from ever becoming addicted.

## Franklin County Caring Communities

27 Church St., Suite 2, St. Albans, VT (802) 527-5049 www.fcccp.org info@fcccp.org

Caring Communities is focused on preventing substance abuse, including alcohol and tobacco. In addition to supporting efforts to prevent substance use in local schools, Caring Communities also runs mentoring programs for youth. If your child could benefit from a mentor, or if you have some time to volunteer, give them a call.

#### **Healthy Roots Collaborative**

www.healthyrootsvt.org (802) 524-2194

The purpose of Healthy Roots is to connect local residents to healthy local food. To that end, they offer cooking classes, maintain lists of local food providers, and run a gleaning program that takes gathers food left on fields at the end of the season for donation to local food shelves.

#### **Human Rights Commission**

14-16 Baldwin Street Montpelier, VT 05633-6301 (802)828-2480 human.rights@vermont.gov (e-mail) www.hrc.vermont.gov

The Human Rights Commission investigates complaints of discrimination in schools, businesses, government agencies, and other places providing goods and services to the general public.

#### Franklin County Animal Rescue

30 Sunset Meadows, St. Albans City, VT (802) 524-9650 info@fcarpets.org

The Franklin County Animal Rescue promotes health and humane treatment of animals in northwestern Vermont through outreach and temporary shelter "with the ultimate goal of finding them good, permanent homes." FCAR shelters both dogs and cats.

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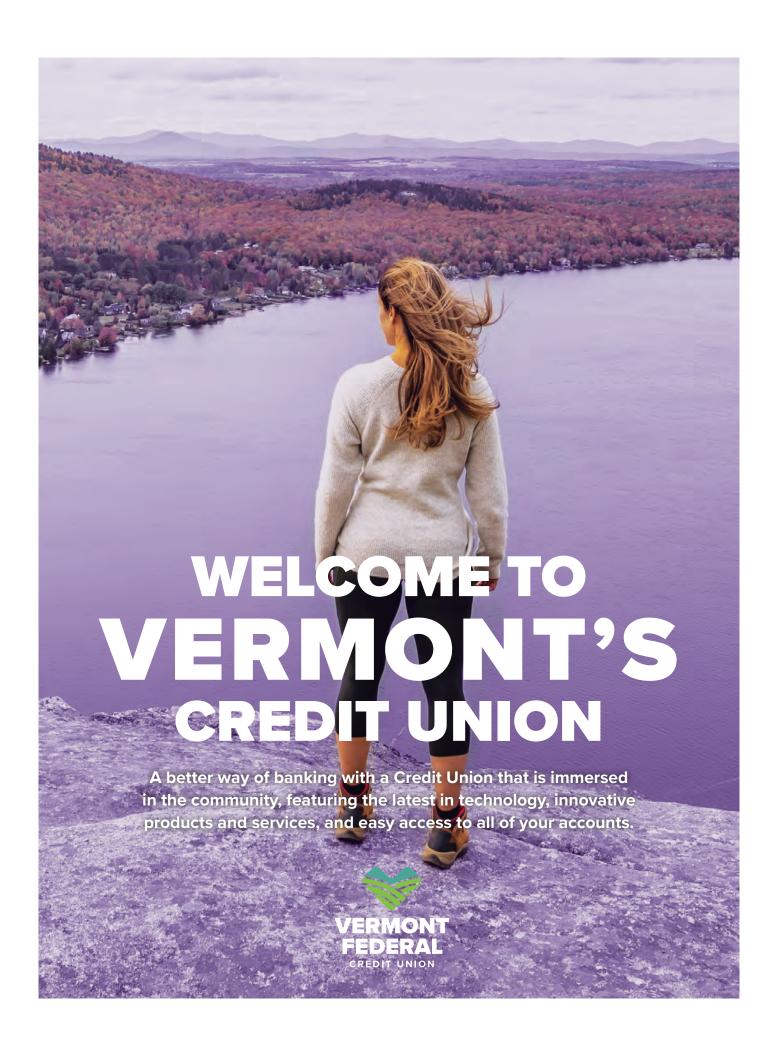
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