Family Faculty Programs ~ Teaching Family-Centered Care

Parent Panel Class presentations: Parents can participate on panels of three family members presenting their experiences to undergraduate and graduate classes in UVM Education and Health Sciences courses. Each parent speaks for 20 minutes. Daytime and evening classes are held on campus. Parking covered. $50 stipend.

Medical Education Project: Third Year Medical Students in their pediatric rotation are assigned a home visit with families. The purpose is to teach family centered care by providing a family’s perspective on healthcare. Families are needed throughout the year. The student schedules a mutually convenient time to meet for about 2 hours. Brief feedback form is sent to VFN. $50 stipend.

Professionalism, Communication, Reflection (PCR) class: First Year Medical Students meet in groups of eight with a faculty member and a parent for an introduction to family-centered care. Meeting 4-5:30 pm early in the fall semester, a brief orientation and follow-up are included. Parents share their family’s experience of having a child with special needs, and their perceptions of healthcare for 45 minutes. UVM Medical Education Building. $50 stipend.

Vermont LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities): Family-Centered Care and Cultural and Linguistic competence are core concepts for professional fellows enrolled in this UVM graduate program. The Family Connection Experience involves sharing your family story during in a one-time 2-hr. home visit interview with one assigned trainee/fellow. An Eco-map is created with you and shared with participants. $50 stipend.

Ask for VFN Family Faculty Coordinator at 1-800-800-4005

Vermont Family Network’s mission is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs.