



Vermont
Family
Network

VFN's Mission

To promote better health, education, and well-being for all children and families, with a focus on children and young adults with special needs.



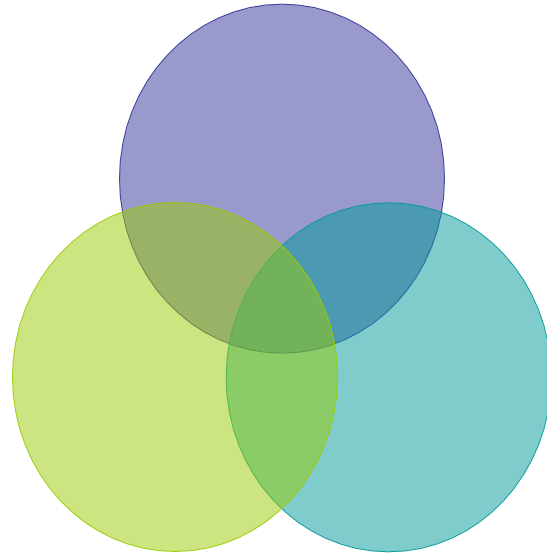
Listen To and Help Families

We are here to listen to and help families with any needs or concerns they may have related to themselves or their child's health, education, or well-being.



Three Focus Areas

Education



Health

Well-Being

Vermont Family Network Can...

- Provide information and support about a child's special needs



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Help families understand the education system and their child's education plan



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Work with families to identify, gain access to, and advocate for community resources



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Provide early intervention services for young children (birth through age 3) and their families in Chittenden County



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Help families become involved in their child's education to better communicate with teachers and know the steps to advocate for their children



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Link parents to other parents through matches or support groups



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Provide information about health care services and access to health insurance
- Work with families to advocate for systems change



Health Helpline

Health Care Financing Specialist offers:

- Assistance applying for Medicaid
- Support around Medicaid and other health insurance denials, appeals and fair hearings
- Information about new autism insurance



Family Faculty Program

- Parents who have children with special needs teach family-centered care to students



Don Swartz, M.D. and Jan Hancock, M.Ed., with MEP student group, 2013



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Facilitate the exchange of assistive technology devices, including durable medical equipment and adaptive vehicles



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Give money to families to help them meet critical needs
- Offer scholarships so parents can attend our once-a-year, all-day conference for free



Vermont Family Network Can...

- Tell you about fun get-togethers (called Sibshops) that we host for brothers and sisters of children who have special needs
- Separate events held for teens age 13+ and 6-12 year olds



When You Have Questions About...



- Developmental Disabilities
- Early Childhood Development
- Health
- Mental Health
- Parent Involvement in School
- Special Education
- Assistive Technology

Contact us! We are here to help you.

How Can We Help You?



Call Vermont Family Network:

1-800-800-4005 or 802-876-5315

www.VermontFamilyNetwork.org