

## Rutland County Resources

### Education

- [Vermont Adult Learning](#) (802)775-0617
- [Project SEARCH](#) - Provides business-located training during the last year of high school to increase employability via technical training in various industries such as health. (802)786-1974
- [Northland Job Corps Center](#) 1-800-733-5627 - no cost education and career technical training program that helps young people 16-24.

### Education/School District/Supervisory

- [Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union](#)
- [Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union](#)
- [Mill River Unified Union School District](#)
- [Rutland City School District](#)
- [Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union 36](#)
- [Greater Rutland Supervisory Union](#)
- [Two Rivers Supervisory Union](#)

### Employment/Supported

- [Career Choices](#) (Rutland Mental Health)
- [RMH/Community Access Program](#)

### Independent Schools and Programs

- [Vermont Achievement Center](#) (Sheldon Academy)
- [Lihigh School](#)

### Providers of Services

- Designated Agency in Rutland County/[Rutland Mental Health/Community Access Program \(CAP\)](#) Supports include service coordination/case management, home supports, employment services, community supports, family and respite supports, clinical interventions and crisis services.
- [Youth Transitional Services](#) (Rutland Mental Health)

### Postsecondary Education

- [College Steps Program](#) partners with colleges and universities to support students of varying ability (e.g., autism spectrum disorders (ASD), intellectual disabilities (ID), learning disabilities, etc.), ages 17-26, with their college pursuits.
- [Project SEARCH](#) - Project SEARCH is a nationally recognized, unique, business-led, one-year, transition program that takes place entirely at the host business. Total

workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and relevant job-skills training through a series of three ten to twelve-week internships, approximately 9 months (late August to early June). Interns must have completed their high school program and be between the ages of 18 and 36. They must have appropriate hygiene, social and communication skills. They must have the ability to take direction and change behavior. Most of all, they must possess a desire to work! The primary outcome of Project SEARCH upon program graduation is employment within the community for at least 16-24 hours per week earning minimum wage or better in a year-round, inclusive setting. Heather Brouillard is the Program Coordinator/Instructor at Rutland Regional Medical Center [hlbrouillard@rrmc.org](mailto:hlbrouillard@rrmc.org) 802-786-1974

- [Next Steps Program](#) is a youth transition program that provides employment and educational exploration experiences for high school seniors considering college or specific career tracks following high school graduation.
- [SUCCEED Program](#) (HowardCenter) in collaboration with The University of Vermont, offers SUCCEED, which provides comprehensive education, campus life, career development and student housing services to students with developmental disabilities.
- [UVM/TPSID Think College](#) (802) 656-1126 is a small, innovative, inclusive, academic, social, and vocational program for students with intellectual disabilities seeking a college experience at the University of Vermont.

## Recreation

- [Vermont Outdoor Adventure Program](#) (Rutland Mental Health)
- [Special Olympics](#) 800-639-1603

## State and Area Resources

- [Assistive Technology Program](#) 800-750-6355
- [Brain Injury Association of Vermont](#) 877-856-1772
- [BROC Community Action](#) 800-775-0878
- [Department of Children and Families \(DCF\)](#)- has programs providing temporary financial assistance for families through Reach Up Program and Family Services Division has protective services for children; and assistance with parental guidance
- [Deaf Independence Program](#) (VCIL) 800-639-1522
- [Go! Vermont](#) 802-685-7433 offers free carpool matching and vanpool services and statewide bus routes
- [Green Mountain Self Advocates](#) (GMSA) Montpelier 802-564-9990 - The purpose of GMSA is for people with developmental disabilities to educate peers to take control over their own lives, make decisions, solve problems, and speak for themselves
- [Green Mountain Transit Authority](#) (GMTA) - offers an array of public transportation services
- [Homeless Prevention Center](#) 802-775-9286
- [JOBS \(Jump On Board for Success\)](#) Community Care Network 802-747-3588
- [Medicaid](#)

- [Nine East Network](#) (Montpelier) 802-229-0100 - focus on access to communication for children who are deaf or hard of hearing
- [Social Security](#) (Burlington) 877-840-5776 - provides income support through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for eligible youth with disabilities
- [Outright Vermont](#) - provides support, advocacy, and celebration of young queer people in Vermont
- [Transition Toolkit for Youth with Disabilities](#) (VFN)
- [TRIPSY](#) - Training and Resources for Interdisciplinary Professionals Serving Children and Youth (Burlington) 802-656-3131 - provides a variety of information and training modules
- [UVM Medical Center Driver Rehabilitation](#) 802-847-3140 - provides evaluations and specialized instruction around driver skills
- [VCRHYP](#) member agencies support young people who have runaway, are thinking about running away, are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of becoming homeless
- [Vermont Department of Health](#) Rutland 888-253-8802- statewide
- [Vermont Family Network \(Family Support Program\)](#) 1-800-800-4005 - statewide - provides support, information and connections for families of children with special needs, about child health and development, education, special education and helps to identify and access community resources.
- [Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired](#) (VABVI) - private organization employing Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) and Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists (COMS) throughout the state of Vermont providing direct services, consultation services, assessments, and hands-on training for children (ages 0-22), teaching them skills that are unique to children with visual impairments.
- [Vermont Division of Blind and Visually Impaired](#) (DBVI) 802-241-0328 - provides vocational rehabilitation and independent living services to eligible Vermonters who are blind and visually impaired.
- [Vermont Center for Independent Living VCIL Youth Transition Program](#) 800-639-1522- helps students in high schools develop job and independent living skills to prepare them for transitioning out of high school into the workforce, secondary education, or simply living on their own. VCIL can help to create independent living plans for transitioning students to reach their goals. This is primarily done through workshops that take place in high schools throughout the state.
- [Vermont Department of Labor](#) 800-786-5837 - DOL Youth program funded through the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) is designed to assist eligible Youth ages 16-24 with the following: develop job & career readiness skills, identify career pathways, support academic achievement, successfully transition to sustained employment, and develop financial literacy awareness & skills
- [Vermont Federation of Families with Children with Mental Health](#) 802-876-7021 - exists to support families and children where a child or youth, age 0-22, is experiencing or at risk to experience emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges (statewide)
- [Vermont Housing Authority/Section 8](#)
- [Vermont Student Assistance Corp \(VSAC\) Outreach](#) (802)786-5837- Provides assistance linking career choices with education and training (college and non-college), information on education and training options and assistance with admission and financial aid applications for college and non-college training programs

- [Vermont 2-1-1](#) provides information and referrals to any health and human service needs in Vermont, dial 2-1-1, a local phone call from anywhere in the state
- [Vocational Rehabilitation, Transition Services for Youth and Young Adults](#) (802) 786-5866 provides transition counselors, benefits counselors, youth employment specialists, job training and assistive technology