
Coordination Plan

Depending upon your child's and family's needs, your Bridge Program Care Coordination plan might include one or more of these support activities:

- Support to access appropriate school services
 - Assistance with linking to mental health services, e.g. psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, behavioral and crisis services
 - Assistance with linking to medical services, e.g. dentist, doctors, specialists, OT, PT, Speech, home health or high tech services, etc
 - Assistance with linking to economic services, e.g. housing, food, fuel assistance, etc
 - Assistance accessing Children's Personal Care Services including completing assessments/re-assessments and directing families to resources to find workers
 - Assistance with linking to assistive technology resources and home accessibility modifications
 - Assistance with linking to adult services providers and other resources at transition from high school
 - Assistance with linking to family support resources, e.g. Vermont Family Network, support groups
 - Support to track and coordinate multiple services and supports
 - Support in preparation for meetings with school personnel and/or other professionals
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Contact your local Developmental Disability Designated Agency for information about applying for the Bridge Program.

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<http://ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-programs/programs-dds/programs-dds-default-page#providers>

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Agency of Human Services

Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Division of Disability and Aging Services

The Bridge Program: Care Coordination for Children with Developmental Disabilities



The Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, Division of Disability and Aging Services introduces:

The Bridge Program: Care Coordination for Children with Developmental Disabilities.

This new program will be provided by the Developmental Disability Services Designated Agency for your region.

Purpose

The purpose of the Bridge Program is to provide care coordination to assist families of children under age 22 who have developmental disabilities. The service is time-limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

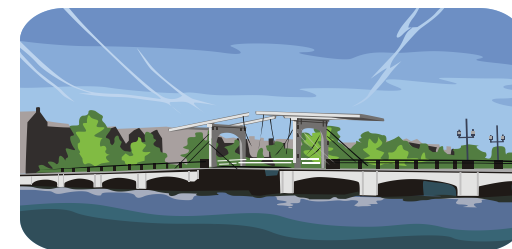
The Bridge Program is goal-driven and designed to:

- Help families determine what supports or services are needed,
- Help families access needed medical, educational, social or other services to address their child's needs,
- Help families coordinate multiple community-based services and develop a coordinated plan to address assessed needs.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, your child must:

- Be under age 22 and be eligible for Vermont Medicaid.
- Be eligible for developmental disability services in the state of Vermont.
- NOT receive case management/ service coordination/care coordination through another Agency of Human Services source (not including special education case management for school-based services).
For example, children who have mental health case management or those who are on the developmental services or TBI waiver are not eligible for the Bridge Program.
- Show a need for help to access or coordinate medical, educational, social or other services.
- Continued eligibility will be re-evaluated at least annually by the Designated Agency.



Coordination

Bridge Program Care Coordination may include:

Assessment of the child to determine needs, the development of a specific care plan, referral to help link your child or family with needed medical, social, educational providers, or other community resources, and follow-up to ensure that the goals of your child's plan are being addressed and meeting his/her identified needs.

If your child is accepted into the Bridge Program, a care coordinator from your local agency will work with you to develop specific goals and a timeframe to achieve them.