

Orleans/Newport Area

Education

- [Stern Center](#)
- [Northeast Kingdom Learning Services](#) (802) 334-3387 or (802) 334-6532 - Supports include ESOL, Transitions, High School Completion Program (earn a local h.s. diploma), GED preparation, Tutorial Program, Children's Integrated Services, and basic computer skills, and Adult Basic Education.

Education/School District/ Supervisory Unions

- [North Country Supervisory Union](#)
- [Orleans Central Supervisory Union](#)
- [Essex North Supervisory Union](#)

Employment/Supported

- [JOBS \(JUMP on Board for Success\)](#) 802-624-0829 or 802-334-6744 -through Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) - is a case management and employment program for youth, ages 16 to 22 who are out of school and who have emotional and/or behavioral issues. The program assists and supports these youth so that they can secure employment, achieve independence and successfully obtain a GED or re-enter an educational program as they transition into adulthood.

Independent Schools and Programs

Providers of Services

- Designated Agency / [Northeast Kingdom Human Services](#) Supports include service coordination/case management, home supports, employment services, community supports, family and respite supports, clinical interventions and crisis services.

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.
- [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](#) is a small, innovative, inclusive, academic, social, and vocational program for students with intellectual disabilities seeking a college experience at the University of Vermont.
- [Upwardbound](#) 802-656-7851 - a program at UVM for high school students that provides services and motivational activities to ensure high school graduation and enrollment in and completion of a postsecondary educational program.

Recreation

- [Special Olympics](#) 800-639-1603

State and Area Resources

- [Assistive Technology Program](#) 800-750-6355
- [Brain Injury Association of Vermont](#) 877-856-1772
- [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
- [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
- [Northeast Kingdom Community Action Agency \(NEKCA\)](#) 802-334-7316 provides wrap around services to help meet needs for teens - including basic needs (housing, food), education (tutoring, GED programs), employment, mentoring and emergencies. Programs include the Runaway Program which provides intervention for 12-18 year olds in crisis and their families which may include short-term alternative living arrangements and individual and family counseling
- [Youth Development Program](#) NEKCA Youth Services (CAYS) 802-229-9151 - provides voluntary extended care services to Vermont youth making the transition to young adulthood
- [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](#) (Colchester) 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](#) Newport 800-952-2945 - 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](#) 800-828-4000 - 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](#) - 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](#) 866-879-6757- provides transition counselors, benefits counselors, youth employment specialists, job training and assistive technology
- [Youth Yellow Pages](#) - statewide

