



THE VERMONT CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

The Vermont Children's Trust Fund (VCTF) is overseen by the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs (CFCPP), a state advisory group whose members are appointed by the Governor. The mission of the CFCPP is to create healthy children, families and communities, and to eradicate child abuse, delinquency, and other forms of violence.

The VCTF is composed of funds allocated by the state legislature, Federal Juvenile Delinquency Prevention funds, private and corporate donations through the *VCT Foundation*, and donations made through the Vermont state income tax check-off.

Grants are awarded in March for summer programs and June for year round programs to non-profit organizations providing community-based primary prevention programs that have been shown to be effective for children and their families. Primary prevention programs offer services to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, truancy, school dropouts, teenage pregnancy, and other high-risk behaviors.

Examples of programs which effectively address these problems include home visits, parenting education classes, literacy programs, out-of-school programs, mentoring programs, and teen community service.

Important aspects of primary prevention programs are that they are open to the general public, have voluntary participation, promote the health and self-reliance of the population and positively influence the community.

The effect of the programs on the following desired outcomes are considered when awarding grants:

- Pregnant women and newborns thrive
- Children are ready for school
- Children succeed in school
- Children live in stable, supported families
- Youth choose healthy behaviors

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VERMONT CHILDREN TRUST FUND FY 2007 GRANTS

For Fiscal Year 2007 (7/1/06 – 6/30/07) 73 requests were received, totaling over \$650,000. Fifty-two grants were awarded totaling \$419,393.

The following list is organized by Vermont State Team Outcomes:

CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

Caledonia County

NEKCA, Inc. Parent Child Center – Lincoln Early Childhood Consistency Project \$8,750
To provide gap funding for tuition and transportation for children to continue their preschool program regardless of their parent's ongoing change in service need.

Chittenden County

Visiting Nurse Association – Supporting New American Children \$ 11,475
This is the third year of funding to support New American children and their families. The Family Room will provide culturally sensitive programs focused on family literacy, parent education and acculturation for mostly African/Somali Bantu refugee families.

Lund Family Center – Early Childhood Program \$5,000
To purchase equipment which will fill basic needs and expand and enhance developmental activities for the infants and toddlers in Lund's Early Childhood Program and child care center.

Franklin County

Franklin-Grand Isle Early Childhood Advisory– Franklin-Grand Isle Bookmobile \$8,500
Support for the outreach and literacy activities of the Franklin-Grand Isle Bookmobile.

Grand Isle County

Champlain Islands Parent Child Center - Literacy for Life: Resource Support \$4,000
Literacy for Life is a program-wide initiative to expand and promote early literacy opportunities for children and families in the Champlain Islands.

Lamoille County

Cambridge Children's School - Healthy Kids, Healthy Planet \$4,000
To enhance healthy initiatives and creative resolutions for our program which serves children 6 weeks to 12 years.

Orleans County

Greensboro Community Childcare Center \$4,986
To enhance the staff's skills in supporting kindergarten readiness in students and their families.

Greensboro Community Childcare Center \$10,200
To provide the funding necessary for the success and continuation of our kindergarten readiness project.

Statewide

Child Care Fund of Vermont - Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative \$25,000
To provide support and resources that allow Vermont communities to establish, strengthen and sustain high quality preschool experiences for three and four year olds that qualify for public education funding.

Very Special Arts Vermont- Start with the Arts \$15,000
This program will aim to improve school readiness by offering a 12 week inclusive arts and literacy program at home child care sites statewide and by training home child care providers to continue use of the curriculum after the program moves on to another site.

Windham County

West Bee Nursery School \$1,204
For the purchase of new materials to enhance the curriculum and preschool environment.

Westminster Schools – Welcome to Westminster Literacy Fair \$4,000
To improve school readiness by providing every Westminster preschooler with a starter library of exceptional children's books.

CHILDREN LIVE IN STABLE, SUPPORTED FAMILIES

Chittenden County

Lund Family Center – Home Visiting Program \$12,750
To maintain and expand the scope of services of Lund's Home Visiting Program to strengthen families and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect.

Milton Family Community Center – Women With Purpose \$8,500
To provide information and support to a multigenerational group of women that will increase their knowledge and quality of life in three key areas: as an individual, within their families and as a community member.

Winooski Family Center – Winooski Immigrant & Refugee Integration Collaboration \$8,500
The grant will be used to fund training, resource gathering and coordination with other agencies to enable the WFC to plan, develop and implement culturally sensitive and relevant programs for immigrant and refugee children and families.

Orange County

Chelsea Family Center, Inc. – Building a Patch in Chelsea, VT \$ 7,225
To create a one-stop resource center so that families have greater access to social services.

Statewide

Center on Disability and Community Inclusion - Camp Gizmo \$3,000
Purchase specific equipment and materials for the Kids Camp component of Camp Gizmo, which serves all children attending camp with their parent.

*Prevent Child Abuse Vermont –
Bringing Two Worlds Together: Education and Support for Deaf* \$9,754
In collaboration with Deaf Victims Advocacy Services, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont will offer group parent education and support to the Vermont deaf community in Barre, Brattleboro, Milton, Bennington and White River Junction.

Vermont Kin as Parents (VKAP) \$5,000
Funds to be used to purchase office supplies and equipment for a program that offers support, education and resource and referral to relative care providers and the children they care for.

Windsor County

Health Hub - Rural Medical Home Outreach \$10,000
Supporting the role of care coordinator for the population of children served by Health Hub, ages 3-21, including travel expenses for service delivery and educational materials.

CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Bennington County

Sunrise Family Resource Center – Mentoring Opportunity \$11,335
Provide a mentor to each pregnant and parenting teen in the Sunrise Opportunities Program with the goal of increasing their program attendance and participation.

Chittenden County

Colchester Schools - ACE Before and After School Program \$3,000
Provide children in the ACE Before and After School Program an opportunity to enrich their after school time with Colchester Parks and Recreation.

Pine Forest Children's Center \$2,759
Purchase of gross motor and sensory/fine motor equipment for children's center.

Franklin County

Enosburg Falls Middle/High School - Community Resource Coordinator \$6,864
All students will be served by having a community resource coordinator arrange community based learning experiences for credit and provide flexible opportunities for youth to learn through service, improve literacy, resolve conflicts and succeed in school.

Lamoille County

Waterville Elementary School – After School Enrichment \$5,000

Provide academic support and remediation for students who are struggling, as well as enrichment activities for students in grades one through six that are otherwise not available.

Orleans County

Newport City Out of School Program – Homework Assistance \$9,358
Help children succeed in school through reading and math enrichment groups in after school time. Children will be exposed to and involved with activities that build on the school's math and reading curricula.

Statewide

Everybody Wins! Vermont – Everybody Wins! Site Fortification & Expansion \$8,000
To launch a pilot year for Power Breakfast, a reading and mentoring program modeled after our power lunch program. The program will be launched at Flynn Elementary School (Burlington) to provide opportunities to increase the number of students served at the school.

Windham County

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of South East Vermont – Emotionally Responsive Reading Project \$8,571
An early childhood literacy program that focuses on teaching emotional competency skills to reinforce reading comprehension and social skills in order to prepare children for kindergarten.

PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEWBORNS THRIVE

Washington County

Washington County Youth Service Bureau/B&G Club – Bright Smiles \$11,543
To help pregnant and parenting teens and their children access dental care in Central Vermont.

Windsor County

Springfield Area Parent Child Center – Intensive Teen Parent Training Program \$14,252
To provide parenting support education and job readiness training to pregnant and parenting teenagers who have dropped out of school or who are at risk of dropping out.

YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

Addison County

Boys and Girls Club of Vergennes – Youth of the Year \$5,000
Strengthen and formalize the existing youth of the year program to firmly establish it as a year-round effort.

Bennington County

Bennington Youth Center \$12,750

To support the Youth Center's programs for middle and high school-aged youth.

Caledonia County

AWARE – This is Your Brain on Television \$11,488
"This is Your Brain on Television" is a book and curriculum written by AWARE. Its purpose is to increase participant's understanding of how media images can affect violence, bullying and self-esteem in the real world.

St. Johnsbury Area Youth Service Bureau – NEKYS Living Room Council \$ 6,200
An expansion of the Living Room Council to provide opportunities for peer leadership, training and healthy recreation and program activities.

Chittenden County

Burlington Parks and Recreation – 242 Main Afterschool Music Program \$4,000
To provide a safe, creative after school program for youth ages 12-18 which helps develop peer and mentor interaction as well as collaborative skills through art and music education. Students will learn to play the instrument of their choice (guitar, bass or drums).

Edmunds Middle School PTO – Edmunds Middle School Drama Program \$ 4,250
Financial support for after-school drama program, offering professional instruction in all stage arts and culminating in two major stage productions each school year.

Essex CHIPS – Essex Teen Center After School Program \$ 7,501
Expansion and improvement of after-school programming for middle school youth in the greater Essex community through on and off-site events and education about social and recreational alternatives to unstructured and risky behavior.

Sara Holbrook Community Center – Youth Adventure Program \$10,000
Provide a program that supports Burlington youth getting a chance to get out of the city of Burlington and into the countryside of the very state they live in, as well as provide exposure to a variety of different healthy choice activities.

Franklin County

St. Albans Teen Center – St. Albans Teen Center \$12,750
Continue community-based primary prevention programs at the St. Albans Teen Center.

Lamoille County

Hyde Park Elementary School - Summer School \$3,000
This summer program will be offered to 230 students in grades K-6. Goal is to offer the students a learning experience working in the garden, learning about the environment and working with the community.

Orange County

Boys and Girls Club of White River Valley, Inc. – Healthy Bodies, Healthy Lives \$8,500

Create community-based initiatives to address nutrition and activity for elementary school children, their families and friends in the community.

Williamstown Middle High School - Afterschool Program \$11,390
To establish an after school program for grades 6-8. The program will provide homework assistance, learning enrichment activities and a mentoring program.

Orleans County

Holland Elementary School – Student Assistance Program \$10,200
To provide funding for a student assistance counselor for 2 days per week. Responsibilities include prevention education as well as group and individual student support.

Rutland County

The DREAM Program, Inc.-DREAM Mentoring Program \$4,840
Pair college mentors from Castleton State College with children living in the Forest Park Apartments in Rutland, VT.

Statewide

Outright Vermont \$10,776
Support a prevention coordinator who is responsible for delivering prevention and wellness programs to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied youths ages 22 and under with the goal of reducing substance abuse among queer youth.

Girl Scout Council of Vermont – Jump In \$8,694
This program promotes physical health and gives girls new skills, self-esteem, teamwork skills and leadership through rope jumping.

Windham County

Mountain Communities Supporting Education – Media Literacy Project \$6,469
Through this program, youth will learn and exhibit increased knowledge in their critical thinking skills related to their media consumption and youth will report a decrease in favorable attitudes regarding drug use.

Windsor County

Right Foot, Inc. – “Get Out” Summer and Vacation Activity Program \$ 6,250
This funding provides school vacation activities and field trips as well as opportunities for the development of leadership skills to youth.

Southern VT Area Health Education Center – MedQuest \$ 6,375
To support the ongoing work of developing, running and evaluating MedQuest, a health career exploration opportunity for Vermont youth in southern Vermont.

Evaluation

Statewide

Vermont Children's Trust Foundation – Site Visiting *\$15,000*
To provide site visits to each current Children's Trust Fund grantee, including the summer programs. Technical assistance will also be provided between site visits as needed.