



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 annually in June 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
- Infants and children thrive
- Children are ready for school
- Children succeed in school
- Children live in stable, supported families
- Youth choose healthy behaviors
- Families, youth and individuals are engaged in and contribute to their community's decisions and activities.

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VERMONT CHILDREN TRUST FUND FY 2006 GRANTS

For Fiscal Year 2006 (7/1/05 – 6/30/06) 86 requests were received, totaling over \$900,000. Forty-two grants were awarded totaling \$379,913.

The following list is organized by Vermont State Team Outcomes:

CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

Chittenden County

Winooski Family Center – Winooski Immigrant & Refugee Integration Collaboration \$10,000

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.

Franklin County

RTW People's Plaza, Inc – CTF One-Time Preschool Grant \$ 2,000
To purchase equipment which will improve the quality of our preschool program.

Lamoille County

Cambridge Children's School – Expansion of Preschool Program \$ 9,456
Continued expansion of preschool program. Grant funds will be used for tuition scholarships, support staff costs, insurance costs and nutrition costs.

Orleans County

Greensboro Community Childcare Center \$12,000
To provide the funding necessary for the success and continuation of our kindergarten readiness project.

St. Paul's Catholic School Prekindergarten \$ 5,000

For the purchase of learning tools for a pre-kindergarten program.

Washington County

Family Center of Washington County – Infant/Toddler Childcare & Parenting Support Project \$ 7,849

On site infant/toddler program and intensive parenting support, modeling and parent education for families enrolled in the program.

Windham County

Windham County Reads – Roots with Wings Program \$10,000

The purpose of the Roots With Wings program is to help ensure that young children have the literacy and social skills needed for school entry. Funding will be used to establish Bookmobile services at 10 child care centers and to purchase and facilitate the use of literacy and social skills curriculums and books for 3 through 5 year olds.

Windsor County

Health Care & Rehab Services of SE VT – The Emotionally Responsive Reading Project \$11,864

The Emotionally Responsive Reading Project is 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 school.

CHILDREN LIVE IN STABLE, SUPPORTED FAMILIES

Bennington County

Fathertime – Fathertime \$10,476

To provide activities for children and their fathers (or father figures) in order to strengthen their relationship.

Chittenden County

American Red Cross – “Can We Talk, Mom and Dad?” \$ 8,960

The program “Can We Talk, Mom and Dad?” will give parents of 9-13 year olds the necessary tools to communicate with their children about sexual health and making good decisions.

Lund Family Center – Home Visiting Program \$15,000

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.

Washington County

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont – Bringing Two Worlds Together: Education and Support for Deaf \$11,475

In collaboration with Deaf Victims Advocacy Services, located in South Barre, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont will offer group parent education and support to the Vermont deaf community. Prevent Child Abuse Vermont will continue to implement ongoing Parents Together Support Groups in Barre and Brattleboro and implement a 12-week curriculum followed by an ongoing Parents Together Support Group in Burlington.

Windsor County

The Family Place – Fostering Responsive Caregiving \$ 7,425

The grant supports home visiting to families with young children in the Hartford area.

CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Bennington County

Sunrise Family Resource Center – Opportunity for All \$10,476
To provide education and support services to pregnant and parenting teens.

Chittenden County

Boys & Girls Club of Burlington \$ 3,424
This grant will enable the B&G Club to create a homework room and reference library that Club members will feel comfortable using. Members have expressed a vested interest in creating a more comfortable environment for homework.

Visiting Nurse Association – Supporting New American Children \$ 13,500
This is the second 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.

Franklin County

Franklin-Grand Isle Early Childhood Adv. – Franklin-Grand Isle Bookmobile \$10,000
Support for the outreach and literacy activities of the Franklin-Grand Isle Bookmobile.

Orleans County

Newport City Out of School Program – Homework Assistance \$11,016
To support the School's Action Plan in increasing student reading comprehension. As enrichment programs, the After School Program will enhance it's program by adding parent/staff discussion group, kid's issues discussion groups, literacy groups, family fun night and extended after school time library hours.

Statewide

Everybody Wins! Vermont – Everybody Wins! Site Fortification & Expansion \$12,000
To fortify two existing programs (Flynn Elementary in Burlington and Orleans Elementary) and to expand to two additional programs in 2006-07 and 2007-08 (Twinfield Union School and another site as yet to be determined).

Windham County

Mountain Communities Supporting Education \$ 4,930
To purchase the Adventure Discovery Lab for immediate implementation in the extended day program and eventually the summer camp and to provide staff time for mastery of program.

PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEWBORNS THRIVE

Orange County

Orange County Parent Child Center – Pursuit of NAEYC Accreditation & STARS \$ 5,000
To support OCPCC's progress toward NAEYC accreditation for its infant/toddler childcare programs by funding specific building renovations and raising the caliber of care.

Windsor County

Springfield Area Parent Child Center – Play Works Child Center \$ 9,445
Continue to serve infants and toddlers in an expanded childcare program.

Washington County

Washington County Youth Service Bureau/B&G Club – Bright Smiles \$13,580
To provide year 2 support to the Bright Smiles Program, a project aimed at helping pregnant and parenting teens with their children access dental care in Central Vermont.

YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

Bennington County

United Way of Bennington Co. – Bennington Youth Center \$15,000
Cover expenses for salaries of two part-time staff assistant positions.

Caledonia County

AWARE – This is Your Brain on Television \$13,515
“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 \$ 7,295
Funding to expand Living Room Council, a youth driven group to all youth ages 15-20 years that participates in planning and implementing center guidelines and program activities.

Chittenden County

Edmunds Middle School PTO – Edmunds Middle School Drama Program \$ 5,000
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 \$ 8,824
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.

Milton Family Community Center – Women With Purpose \$10,000
The program “Women With Purpose” will allow participants to gain the skills necessary to increase their awareness of their own personal and family strengths, to increase their ability to

voice their opinions in community decisions, to increase their confidence in their ability to care for their children and grandchildren, and to have the opportunity to mentor an adolescent girl who is herself emerging into womanhood.

Northgate Non-Profit – Teen Life at Northgate \$ 3,500
To increase the number of healthy behavior choices for young people in our community.

Partnership for Youth & Community Empowerment – Youth Leadership 2005 \$10,000
To expand youth development programs into Burlington creating youth leadership councils for (new and old) North End Neighborhood youth programs.

Sara Holbrook Community Center – Summer, Spring, Winter Recess Program \$10,000
To fund staff salaries for Burlington Middle School Youth Summer, Spring and Winter break.

Sara Holbrook Community Center – Girls Group (aka Ladies Nite Out) \$ 6,864
This project provides two structured support groups to adolescent girls – one at the SHCC site and one at the NNEYC site. Curriculum encompasses self-esteem and awareness, healthy lifestyle choices, and community service.

Franklin County

St. Albans Teen Center – St. Albans Teen Center \$15,000
Jump-start community based primary prevention programs at the St. Albans Teen Center.

Orleans County

Holland Elementary School – Student Assistance Program \$12,000
To provide funding to expand current position of student assistance counselor from .5 days per week to 2 days per week.

Rutland County

Rutland Area Prevention Coalition – Collaborative Prevention & Education \$ 4,625
Funding will support implementation of a research-based curriculum targeting substance abuse prevention, asset development and the promotion of positive family functioning.

Washington County

The Plainfield Teen Center – The Plainfield Teen Center \$ 7,500
The mission of the Plainfield Teen Center is to provide a safe place for teens to socialize, have fun and create a sense of belonging. To provide community-based youth support through after school activities.

Windsor County

B&G Club of Brattleboro: Springfield Unit – “Get Out” Summer and Vacation Activity Program
\$ 8,500
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 \$ 7,500
To support the ongoing work of developing, running and evaluating MedQuest, a health career exploration opportunity for Vermont youth in southern Vermont.

Chelsea Family Center, Inc. – Building a Patch in Chelsea, VT \$ 8,500
To continue to develop a “Patch” that serves the 12 families of Hillside Homes and the larger community.

Statewide

Green Mountain Prevention Projects – Central Vermont Teen Institute \$ 4,550
This grant will help support the Central Vermont Regional Teen Institute, a positive youth development program for teens in Washington County.

Vermont CARES – Community Education and Speakers Bureau Program \$ 6,864
Educate youth about the risks associated with HIV and increase compassion for people living with HIV/AIDS.