

SUPPORT

The Consortium is comprised of agencies, groups and individuals from across the state who have joined together to support Vermont families formed through adoption and guardianship.

Available services include:

- ▶ **Post-permanency services**
such as in-home parent education, consultation to treatment & school teams, referral to community resources and guidance about birth family relationships.
- ▶ **Support groups**
throughout the state that provide families with opportunities to learn from each other, share resources and get a boost when times get tough.
- ▶ **Ongoing contact**
with families who receive adoption or guardianship assistance from the state.

INFORMATION

Find the following on our website:

- ▶ **Announcements**
of ongoing events and conferences related to adoption and guardianship.
- ▶ **Links to other programs**
that offer services to families formed through adoption or guardianship.
- ▶ **Opportunities to contribute**
to the greater community regarding adoption and guardianship.
- ▶ **Monthly messages**
that are posted on our website and sent out by email every month. You can sign up to receive the messages electronically at the bottom of every page on our website. Or, send an email to VTadoption@vermont.gov and ask to be added to the email list.

www.VTadoption.org

EDUCATION

Take advantage of ongoing learning opportunities for parents & professionals:

- ▶ **Consortium library**
located at the Vermont Easterseals Office in Barre includes an extensive collection of resources for families formed through adoption and guardianship. Parents and professionals can check books out online, in person and by phone or email. Access it anytime at <https://vac.myturn.com>.
- ▶ **Conferences & Trainings**
available to families, mental health professionals, child welfare professionals, school faculty and staff and adoption/guardianship professionals. Topics offered include adoption competency, transracial/transcultural parenting, trauma informed parenting, LGBTQ+ parenting and more.



Need help?

Give us a call or send us an email to tell us about your situation and how we might be able to help.

Phone: (802) 241-0901

Email: VTadoption@vermont.gov

Learn More

Go to www.VTadoption.org to:

- ▶ Access our lending library.
- ▶ Connect to other resources.
- ▶ Find a support group.
- ▶ Find out about upcoming events, including learning opportunities.
- ▶ Learn more about the services and information available.
- ▶ Read our monthly messages.



Our Mission

The Consortium recognizes that adoption and guardianship are lifelong processes with both rewards and challenges.

We are committed to partnering with individuals, families and communities to further an understanding of the needs of children being raised by people other than their birth parents.

We strive to make sure all people whose lives have been touched by adoption and guardianship have access to quality support services throughout Vermont.

For a list of member agencies, please go to www.VTadoption.org.



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