

Looking for Families

At this very moment there are children in Vermont's foster care system who need permanent families. These are older kids who because of unresolvable issues involving abuse or neglect are unable to return to their families of origin.

These children need adoptive families who will love and care for them. You can make a difference in a child's life. Please take a moment to consider becoming the adoptive parent of an older child. It's the opportunity of a lifetime. Give SRS a call to learn how you can help.

Most children placed in foster care are able to return home. Those who don't are often adopted by their foster families. But older, school aged kids who cannot return home safely, and whose foster parents are unable to make a permanent commitment to them face an uncertain future. The hard truth is that as a child becomes older, the odds become increasingly difficult that he or she will find an adoptive family.

Currently, there are a number of older children in Vermont waiting for adoptive families. They range in age from

six to sixteen, and while their stories differ, all of them share the fundamental need to belong. That's where you can help.

Adoptive families can be families with or without children, married, divorced or single. Individuals of all ages, incomes and situations are encouraged to inquire. No fees are charged to adopt a child through the state, and in many cases an adoption subsidy is available to help families to adopt a child who could not otherwise afford to do so.

There is a critical need for families willing to open their homes and hearts to deserving older children in need of adoptive parents. To find out more, please contact Diane Dexter, Adoption Coordinator, at 241-2131 or inquire at the SRS District Office located in your area.

Barre Area:

Judith Blank (479-4260)

Rutland/Bennington Area:

Alice Nitka (773-5817)

Morrisville/St. Albans Area:

Linda Smith (688-4576)

Burlington/Middlebury Area:

Terry Casey (863-7370)

Newport/St. Johnsbury Area:

Ken Gordon (748-8374)

Hartford/Springfield/Brattleboro Area:

Fran Churchill (885-4501) ▼

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- New Hampshire 1-800-752-2437
- New York State 1-800-541-2437
- Massachusetts 1-617-522-4090
- Maine 1-800-851-2437
- National 1-800-342-2437
- Canadian 1-613-563-2437

AIDS Community Awareness Project (ACAP)

PO Box 608
St. Johnsbury VT 05819
(802) 748-1149

AIDS Community Resource Network (ACoRN)

PO Box 2057
Lebanon NH 03766
(603) 448-2220

Bennington Area AIDS Project

PO Box 1066
Bennington VT 05201
(802) 442-4481 or 1-800-845-2437

Brattleboro AIDS Project

PO Box 1486
Brattleboro VT 05302
(802) 254-4444 (Helpline)
(802) 254-8263 (Office)

Franklin-Grand Isle AIDS Task Force

P. O. Box 241, St. Albans VT 05478
(800) 524-7742 • (802) 638-7834

Friends Vermont

Emotional, Spiritual, & Psychological Support
PO Box 402
Bristol, VT 05443
1 800 639-3316

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

GLAA, P.O. Box 5653
Burlington, VT 05402

Lesbian Cancer Support Group

(802) 660-8386

North Star (Holistic Health Care)

RR2 Box 3255
Morrisville VT 05661 • (802) 888-2858

Vermont AIDS Council

PO Box 275

Montpelier VT 05601 • (802) 229-2557

**Vermont C.A.R.E.S.
(Committee for AIDS Resources,
Education, and Services)**

PO Box 5248
30 Elmwood Avenue
Burlington VT 05401
(802) 863-2437 (Burlington)
1-800-649-2437 (Rutland and
Washington County support groups)

Vermont Department of Health

1-800-882-2437 (AIDS Hotline) or
(802) 863-7245 (AIDS Program office)

VT PWA Coalition

PO Box 1055 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
1-800-698-8792 or (802) 222-5123

Vermont Women's Health Center

336 North Avenue
Burlington VT 05401 • (802) 863-1386