



Kinship Navigation

VERMONT Edition

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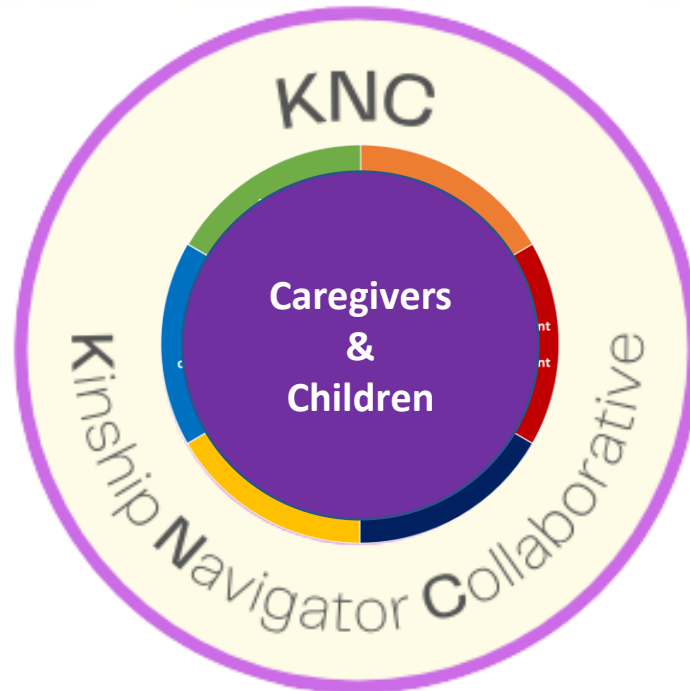
- Kinship Navigation Coalition
- Caregiver & Children focused
- Nationally supported team
- Multi-state developed
- Tri-partner team in each State

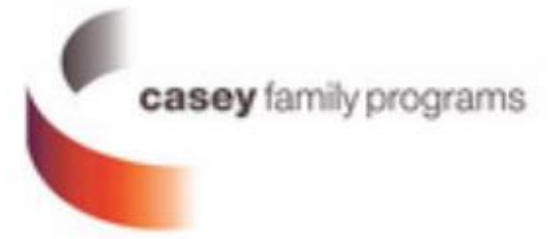
The Vermont team includes:

Service Provider – VKAP

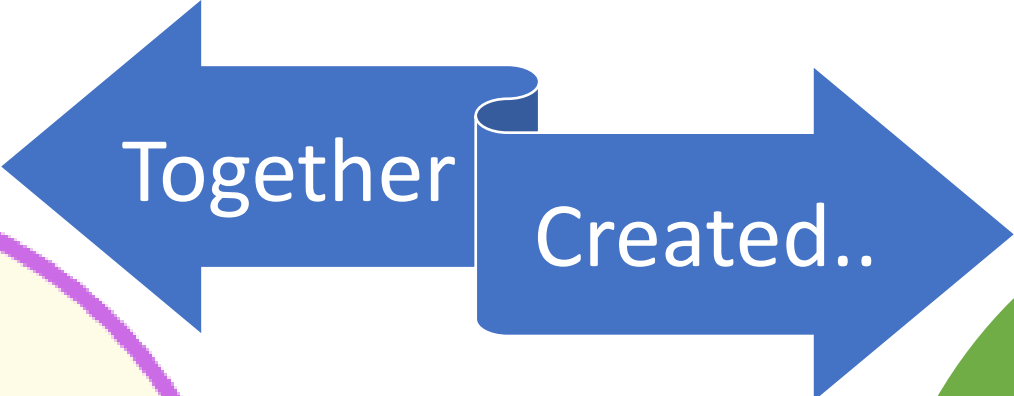
Child protection agency – DCF

Fidelity Evaluator - UVM





The Kinship Navigator Collaborative



Vermont Implementation



Outreach,
information
and referral

Needs assessment and
case management

Caregiver education

Peer to peer support

Urgent needs
and
concrete goods

Partnerships with kinship
families and organizations

Connecting with Kin Families



Reach Kinfolks where they are . .

Parent
As
Second
Time
Around
With



KINSHIP: Family Redefined . .

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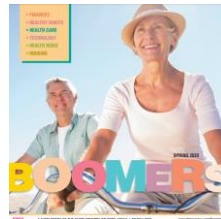
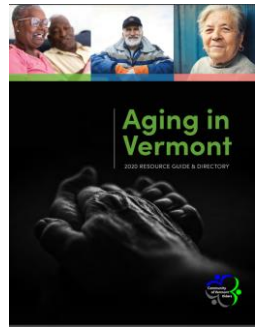


Support & training model studied at

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VKAP's Blog

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, BEGINNING IN JULY: CAREGIVER COACHING CALLS

SMIRKUS
SMILING IN OUR YOUNG YEARS

Save the date! Our first session will be on July 24th from 10am - 12pm.

Vermont Kin As Parents supports kinship caregivers.

In today's complex world, many older Vermonters are stepping up to raise children who are not their own. The demands of being a parent are often even greater when you are raising a child who is not your own. Kinship caregivers provide a safe, stable, and loving home for these children. Kinship caregivers are the backbone of our state's child welfare system. They are the ones who provide the love, care, and support that every child needs.

Call us at (802) 871-5104 or visit us at www.vermontkin.org

Plus a Social Media Strategy !!!

We also do the conventional forms

Kinship Caregivers Guide

A guide for adults who are caring for the children of relatives or family friends



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Caregiver education



For the fidelity of the study, we would train our staff in a consistent manner and materials through NTDC

- ✓ Monthly classes are offered on each of 9 topic and 3 topics selected by the class.
- ✓ Also One on one offering material based on the identified needs of the caregivers

- ✓ Offer legal clinics in conjunction with Vermont Legal Aid



- ✓ Partnering with other experts in the state to expand training offerings

- ✓ Vermont has a wonderful University and program for training Foster & Adopted caregivers. VKAP is Partnering with the CWTP to augment the offerings from the Kinship perspective as well.



Peer to peer support



Urgent needs and concrete goods



Open Hours

Inventory changes daily

When you shop, volunteer or donate at Amy's Armoire you help children and families right here in Vermont. We try to fill the gaps that foster, adoptive, and kin families experience in an overstretched and underfunded system.

SHOP: You may not even need money!

Amy's Armoire is a thrift store in Barre, Vermont. Our prices are set for affordability. We're a non-profit with a mission; proceeds from the thrift store benefit foster children through individual and programmatic outreach. **Nothing is over \$5 in the shop!**

Foster, and foster-adoptive families get clothes FREE for those kids at the foster closet. If you need access to the foster closet, let Amy know.

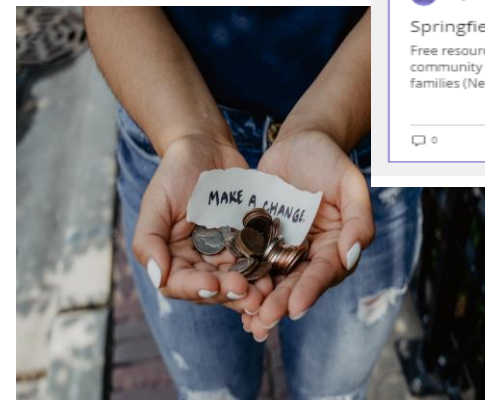
Amy's Armoire accepts DCF-Family Service vouchers for clothing from any district. Low income Vermonters can request a shopping voucher through your Economic Services workers. We also accept vouchers from Churches, Shelters, and Domestic Violence programs. We have a program to help kids who have aged out of foster care and are between 18-26; [inquire for more info.](#)

Resources & Contacts in your District

Don't know your District? Click here to find it.
District offices are open 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Log in / Sign up

<p>Barre District</p> <p>Free resources for Foster/Adopt/Kin families through community supports...</p>	<p>Bennington District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>	<p>Brattleboro District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>
<p>Burlington District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/adoptive/kin families...</p>	<p>Hartford District</p> <p>Don't see a resource you know about- contact us. Are you interested in helping your...</p>	<p>Middlebury District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>
<p>Morrisville District</p> <p>Free resources from the Community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>	<p>Newport District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>	<p>Rutland District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>
<p>Springfield District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for foster/adopt/kin families (New!) Tatum's Totes...</p>	<p>St. Albans District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>	<p>St. Johnsbury District</p> <p>Free resources from the community for Foster/Adopt/Kin families...</p>



Partnerships with kinship families and organizations

“It takes many hands to move big rocks”

= *Many have said*

