

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE VERMONT RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP



The Vermont Research Partnership supports a wide array of initiatives across the state by commissioning new research and providing resources to expand the scope of selected research projects. Projects receiving direct support from the Vermont Research Partnership span the following topics:

- The evaluation of the Reorganization of the Agency of Human Services
- The development and assessment of the Regional Partnerships
- Early literacy and school readiness
- The Vermont Parent and Community Leadership Training Program
- Youth-Initiated Grants Project

In addition, the Vermont Research Partnership offers its collective expertise to enhance the development of many affiliated research projects and provides a unique opportunity for broad-based collaboration.

*Summaries of all research projects are available upon request.

ENGAGING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES



Projects of the Vermont Research Partnership engage the diverse perspectives of researchers, program directors, practitioners, and community members from across the state. The Vermont Research Partnership benefits from the expertise of:

- Regional Partnership Coordinators
- Representatives from the State Team for Children and Families
- State agency leaders
- The Vermont State Colleges
- Faculty and graduate students from UVM's Departments of Pediatrics, Education, Social Work, Community Development and Applied Economics, and the Human Development Program.

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ESTABLISHING THE
VERMONT RESEARCH
PARTNERSHIP



“The General Assembly supports and encourages the collaborative, reciprocal ventures undertaken by the Agency of Human Services, the Department of Education, the University of Vermont and their community partners in order to improve the lifelong well-being of all Vermonters.

It creates a research partnership among the parties to study and improve the effectiveness of this collaborative work and gives permission for this research to be cooperatively funded by the partners.”

— excerpted from Act 147, Sec. 100a., passed in 1998

IMPROVING
EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH
A SHARED RESEARCH
AGENDA



The Vermont Research Partnership is a research and learning community. Our mission is to develop solutions-based research, policies, and practices through dynamic partnerships for improving the well-being of children, families and individuals in Vermont.

The Vermont Research Partnership endeavors to study and improve the effectiveness of the collaborative, community-based initiatives of the Agency of Human Services (AHS), the Department of Education (DOE), the University of Vermont (UVM), and the Vermont Association of Regional Partnerships.

With a shared research agenda, the four entities join resources in order to commission new research and to expand the scope of research projects on topics of particular importance to children, youth, and families. A Design Team oversees the work of the Partnership and meets at least quarterly. Steering Committees provide additional guidance for the individual projects.

SHARING
OUR
FINDINGS



The findings of the research supported by the Vermont Research Partnership are typically disseminated through several avenues:

- an **annual report to the legislature** outlining how the Vermont Research Partnership is supporting efforts to improve outcomes for all Vermonters.
- **annual presentations** on the projects of the Vermont Research Partnership. Research symposia or poster discussion sessions feature research conducted to-date.
- printed **reports of the findings from individual research projects**, including recommendations for enhancing services and targeting resources.