



## THE VERMONT CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

### 2017 GRANTS LIST

#### OVERVIEW

The Vermont Children's Trust Fund is overseen by the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs (CFCPP), a state advisory group whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Council is grounded in prevention and works to ensure justice by building equitable and effective opportunities for children, youth and families to thrive in Vermont. The Fund is managed by the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation in partnership with the State of Vermont.

The Fund is comprised of a State legislature appropriation, a Federal Juvenile Delinquency Prevention grant, private dollars raised by the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, and donations made by individuals through the Vermont State income tax check-off, Line 29 A.

Grants recipients are notified in June and funds are distributed beginning in September. Applicants are non-profit organizations, municipalities and schools who provide community-based primary prevention programs 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.

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## VCTF Grant Summary 2017

### VCTF Grant Awards

<b>Number of Grants</b>	62
<b>\$ Amount of Grants</b>	\$539,385

### Programs by County

VCTF funds programs throughout the state based on community need. The following shows the number of programs funded in each county for 2017

<b>County</b>	<b># of Grants</b>
Addison	3
Bennington	2
Caledonia	2
Chittenden	18
Orange	2
Rutland	1
Statewide	8
Washington	12
Windham	8
Windsor	6

### Programs by Targeted Outcomes

Children Succeed in School -	16
Children Are Ready for School -	9
Children Live in Safe, Supported Families -	15
Pregnant Women, Young Children Youth Thrive -	5
Youth Choose Healthy Behaviors -	14
Internal Evaluation -	3

## VCTF Grant Award List 2017

<b><u>Grantee</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Outcome</u></b>	<b><u>Est. # Served</u></b>	<b><u># Served</u></b>
Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro	\$7,225	Windham	D	225	820
Boys & Girls Club of Rutland	\$8,128	Rutland	E	75	87
Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition	\$10,837	Windham	E	250	3
Burlington Children's Space	\$9,297	Chittenden	C	49	53
Burlington Partnership for Healthy Community	\$7,225	Chittenden	E	500	1,512
Capstone Community Action	\$5,000	Washington	C	45	33
Capstone Community Action (LVT)	\$1,000	Washington	C	0	0
Changing Perspectives	\$10,000	Orange	B	2,600	1,119
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)	\$10,314	Chittenden	A	42	357
Community Health Centers of Burlington (CHCB)	\$15,000	Chittenden	B	677	592
Connecting Youth - Chittenden South Supervisory Union	\$7,225	Chittenden	C	330	160
Connecting Youth - Chittenden South Supervisory Union	\$15,000	Chittenden	E	20	14
Creative Lives, Inc. WRJ	\$10,000	Windsor	B	167	0
Cultural Competency Training	\$4,000	statewide	F	0	0
DREAM Program, Inc.	\$8,921	Statewide	E	25	25
DREAM Program, Inc.	\$10,482	Chittenden	E	30	54
Everybody Wins! Vermont	\$12,750	Statewide	B	0	634
Everybody Wins! Vermont	\$11,420	Washington	B	1,200	1,076
Family Center of Washington County	\$8,670	Washington	C	240	326
Family Center of Washington County	\$8,000	Washington	A	96	23
Good Beginnings	\$6,495	Washington	C	70	97
Greater Burlington YMCA	\$8,500	Chittenden	A	45	66
Health Connections	\$7,762	Windsor	D	371	372
It Takes A Village- Brattleboro	\$5,000	Windham	D	295	130
Local Motion	\$6,141	Chittenden	E	1,000	1,172
Mary Johnson Children's Center	\$750	Addison	C	560	0
Mary Johnson Children's Center	\$8,000	Addison	C	90	52

Milton Community Youth Coalition	\$5,738	Chittenden	E	28	8
Milton Family Community Center	\$3,793	Chittenden	C	55	55
Milton Town School District	\$4,850	Chittenden	B	180	0
Mountain Communities Supporting Education	\$9,031	Windham	B	283	191
NEK Kids on the Move	\$3,613	Caledonia	D	120	131
New England Youth Theatre	\$10,200	Windham	B	45	20
One Planet Program	\$15,000	Windsor	B	450	193
ONWARD!	\$1,000	Orange	B	181	0
Outright Vermont	\$15,000	Chittenden	C	100	101
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$10,837	Statewide	E	160	140
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$5,000	Washington	E	230	0
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$15,000	Washington	C	220	112
Project Against Violent Encounters	\$6,656	Bennington	C	100	30
Quarry Hill School	\$740	Addison	A	133	0
Riverside Middle School 'Not' Summer School Program-Springfield School District	\$11,800	Windsor	B	65	60
Springfield Area Parent Child Center	\$8,500	Windsor	C	22	27
Springfield School District	\$8,542	Windsor	B	135	135
St. Johnsbury School District	\$12,750	Caledonia	B	178	109
Sunrise Family Resource Center, Inc.	\$10,695	Bennington	C	17	46
The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children	\$10,000	Statewide	A	400	794
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$10,600	Washington	B	32	34
Twinfield Union School	\$7,658	Washington	B	17	35
UVM & State Agricultural College	\$10,804	Chittenden	E	248	200
VCTF Site Visits	\$15,000	Statewide	F	0	0
Very Merry Theatre	\$10,838	Chittenden	E	700	1,315
VNA of Chittenden & Grand Isle Counties	\$7,511	Chittenden	C	30	23
VSA Vermont, Inc.	\$10,838	Statewide	A	285	0
VT Association for Blind & Visually Impaired (VABVI)	\$4,250	Chittenden	A	24	26
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$10,827	Washington	E	180	0

Washington County Youth Service Bureau - Boys & Girls Club	\$14,556	Washington	E	75	19
Windham Child Care Association	\$9,031	Windham	D	400	46
Windham Child Care Association	\$10,000	Windham	A	510	543
Winooski Family Center	\$8,248	Chittenden	A	24	16
Winooski Family Center (SF)	\$6,500	Statewide	F	0	0
Youth Services, Inc. Brattleboro	\$10,837	Windham	B	30	225
<b>62 Programs</b>	<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>\$539,385</b>	<b>Total Served -</b>	<b>EST: 14,659</b>	<b>ACT: 13,411</b>

Outcomes Reference Key:

- A) Children Succeed in School
- B) Children Ready for School
- C) Children Live in Safe, Supported Families
- D) Pregnant Women, Young Children Youth Thrive
- E) Youth Choose Healthy Behaviors
- F) Internal Evaluation

## VCTF Grantees Fiscal Year 2017

(Alphabetical Order)

**Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro** **\$7,225.00**

Boys & Girls Club Supper Program

The Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro will address food insecurity for local youth more comprehensively by expanding its Supper Program.

**Boys & Girls Club of Rutland** **\$8,128.00**

Prevention in Vision Project

They wish to be the prevention part of Project Vision in Rutland, specifically to educate youth in the Rutland area about alcohol, drugs and risky relationship behavior

**Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition** **\$10,837.00**

Maximizing the Roles of Teen Influencers to Prevent Teen Prescription Drug Misuse

This program will build awareness to educate and to equip teen influencers, parents, grandparents, teachers, etc., with credible information about teen prescription drug abuse.

**Burlington Children's Space** **\$9,297.00**

Parent Engagement Project

The Parent Engagement Project aims to involve families in activities that help increase protective factors, reduce the chances of abuse, and allow parents to recognize their own growth.

**Burlington Partnership for Healthy Community** **\$7,225.00**

YouParent

YouParent is a parent support program that aims to reduce substance use/abuse among youth in Burlington. It supports parents of middle and high school students in developing and maintaining open relationships with their children.

**Capstone Community Action** **\$5,000.00**

Capstone Community Action Family Literacy Center

Capstone Community Action Head Start runs the only state-approved education program for pregnant and parenting teens in Washington County. Our program, The Family Literacy Center, is located at the Brook Street School, in downtown Barre. Here, young parents complete their high school diploma while accessing parenting education, counseling and life skills supports. Children are cared for at Head Start's NAEYC accredited on-site early childhood development center. Our young parents, ranging in age from 14-21, face many barriers in life that inhibit their ability to be the best possible teachers in their children's lives. Most have not had the benefit of positive parenting and have experienced trauma and neglect.

**Capstone Community Action (LVT)** **\$1,000.00**

Capstone Community Action Family Literacy Center

Lynn Von Trapp Award

**Changing Perspectives** **\$10,000.00**

Changing Perspectives

Changing Perspectives engages students in open dialogue and real world experiences in an effort to promote disability awareness and foster inclusive communities. We provide schools with disability awareness programming; through a combination of curriculum development and teacher trainings. We serve students and teachers in elementary and middle schools throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. With roughly 15% of Vermont students labeled with a disability, our schools are asked to meet the needs of an ever more diverse population. To promote awareness and empathy amongst students we must provide teachers with proactive solutions to address disability awareness.

**Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)** **\$10,314.00**

Early Education Opportunities for Children in COTS shelters

Homeless parents will become more knowledgeable of high quality early education and enrichment options and will access child care and preschool for their children. This will help prepare homeless children ages 0-5 for school and be kindergarten ready.

**Community Health Centers of Burlington (CHCB)** **\$15,000.00**

CHCB's School-Based Dental Center

The Community Health Centers of Burlington (CHCB) operates our area's only School-Based Dental Center, providing a dental home for low-income children in the Burlington School District. This innovative, small clinic provides three main services: preventative care, restorative treatment, and dental education. As part of their school day, kids receive regular check-ups and cleanings twice a year, preventing tooth decay, gum disease and enamel wear. The program eases the practical barriers many low-income families face for their children's dental care. The results are clear: no child suffers from dental pain and infection, and through better health, children miss fewer days of school and perform better in the classroom.

**Connecting Youth - Chittenden South Supervisory Union** **\$7,225.00**

CY Parent Partners in Prevention

The goal of this program is to build protective factors in families and support positive parenting techniques that reinforce healthy behaviors and a commitment to positive social values.

**Connecting Youth - Chittenden South Supervisory Union** **\$15,000.00**

Connecting Youth Mentoring

Connecting Youth (CY) in Chittenden South Supervisory Union (CSSU) has one of the largest school-based mentoring programs in Vermont, serving 147 5th–8th grade students in the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, Williston and St. George. Our existing program has a long distinguished history of promoting high quality one-to-one relationships between middle school students and caring adult volunteers, is often referred to as a model program and is a tremendous asset to our community. This grant will allow Connecting Youth to expand our mentoring program to include a hybrid (school and community based) mentoring program for students in grades 9-12.

**Creative Lives, Inc. WRJ** **\$10,000.00**

Creative Lives Afterschool Program WRJ

Creative Lives will expand our existing after school program at White River School (serving pre-k-5 students) to include a summer program that mitigates summer learning loss, helps at-risk youth develop focus skills, explore their interests, and provides programming for families. The poverty rate at the school is 55% and 13% of families are homeless. An extended year program isn't available for non IEP students. Discussions with the Principal and WRS staff, parent feedback, and data point to a need for summer learning that prepares incoming kindergartners for success at school, develops literacy and math skills for K-5th grade students, teaches learning and study skills, develops discernment, and inspires a life-long love of learning.

**Cultural Competency Training** **\$4,000.00**

Cultural Competency Training

All VCTF grantees will attend Cultural Competency training.

**DREAM Program, Inc.** **\$8,921.00**

Hickory Street and Salmon Run DREAM Programs

With this grant, DREAM will expand their mentoring program to two new DREAM Programs in Vermont with the College of St. Joseph and UVM.

**DREAM Program, Inc.** **\$10,482.00**

Capstone - College Prep

This program will expand upon their existing offerings to give teens an opportunity to advocate for themselves & make choices about their futures.

**Everybody Wins! Vermont** **\$12,750.00**

Mentoring Capacity

This grant will help set capacity goals, in conjunction with schools, for each of their 25 sites and meet these goals by recruitment & retention of mentors and enhanced support of mentoring relationships.

**Everybody Wins! Vermont** **\$11,420.00**

Everybody Wins! Vermont

With this staff development grant, we focus on the annual cycle of evaluation and planning to help our 22 site coordinators (SCs) better manage the conflicting demands of their positions, especially program publicity and community outreach for recruitment and retention of mentors. We are currently in the first year of 3 years of working with principals, schools, and SCs to set capacity goals, identify barriers to recruitment, and make recruitment plans for every site. This accompanying work trains and organizes SCs individually and in regional teams to meet those goals. Recruitment is essential but the PR aspect is overwhelming to many SCs; this will address that and provide an annual "plan-do-review" process to help us improve year to year.



**Family Center of Washington County** **\$8,670.00**

Community Playgroups Expansion

This grant will continue and expand playgroups by holding them all year long and add more guest speakers and special events.

**Family Center of Washington County** **\$8,000.00**

CIS-Early Intervention of Washington County

The first five years are years of the greatest growth and the greatest vulnerability. Playgroups promote social skills, key to preventing school failure, and increase parental support, reducing isolation. We will expand our early intervention program by hosting an integrated birth to five playgroup at the Family Center. The playgroup will be staffed by early educators and other specialists so parents can ask questions about development in an informal setting. This ensures that developmental challenges are addressed early-on, preventing school failure. It will give additional support to children with diagnosed disabilities and their parents, strengthening learning and community connections.

**Good Beginnings** **\$6,495.00**

Parenting Support and Education

This grant will allow all expectant parents and parents with infants access to free birthing and parenting education, community resources and a network of social support.

**Greater Burlington YMCA** **\$8,500.00**

Y Early Learning Readiness

This funding will support the Y Early Learning Readiness Program, an evidence-based early learning support program for underserved or economically-disadvantaged children and their at-home caregivers.

**Health Connections** **\$7,762.00**

Healthy Nutrition Habits

This program uses evidence-based strategies to work toward achieving the Healthy Vermonter 2020 goal of youth eating more fruits and vegetables and reduce consumption of sugared sweetened beverages in order to reduce the risk of obesity in elementary students.

**It Takes A Village- Brattleboro** **\$5,000.00**

It Takes A Village- Brattleboro

It Takes A Village is a Brattleboro-based community organization with a mission to improve the postpartum experience for families with new babies. Through our Home Visiting Program, weekly playgroups & support groups, and larger community gatherings, we facilitate a rich network of peer support for local families. In the Home Visiting Program, Volunteers are matched with families and visit on a weekly basis for a twelve week period, to provide company and lend a hand. Our playgroups and gatherings fulfill a much-needed role of offering families access to one another for social & emotional support. We aim to decrease the isolation that many mothers with new babies experience.

**Local Motion** **\$6,141.00**

Bike PHAT (Protect Head at All Times)

Local Motion will expand a social marketing campaign that increases rates of helmet use among youth and teen bike riders by making helmet use cool.

**Mary Johnson Children's Center** **\$750.00**

Mary Johnson Children's Center/ School Age Program

School age programs seek to purchase 2 I-Pads, to use the Devereaux DESSA-Mini assessment process to help identify social and emotional levels of the children ages 5-12 in our programs. This system appraises our staff of areas that could be addressed for children in their group, to help improve social/emotional resiliencies. Presently, we use a manual quarterly reporting system that has two persons respond to the 8 questions of the DESSA; the results are charted, differences in observations are discussed, and strategies are formed. Beginning with summer 2016, we are switching to an online system to make the process be more agile and faster to respond to needs. This will require use of I-Pads, to be rotated through all of our sites.

**Mary Johnson Children's Center** **\$8,000.00**

Mary Johnson Children's Center/ Weybridge After-School

We are establishing a licensed afterschool program under the supervision of Mary Johnson Children's Center; our request would help to initiate and support programming for up to 25 children per day. At the request of parents of Weybridge, and their school principal, we surveyed the need for and interest in afterschool programming. In addition to meeting the needs indicated in the survey results, the recent consolidation of schools in the Addison Central Supervisory Union has implications for a possible re-distribution of students that would increase enrollment at the Weybridge school, and add more potential participants in afterschool programming. The proposed program would benefit the larger community, in this way as well.

**Milton Community Youth Coalition** **\$5,738.00**

Milton Mentors Buddy Program

This grant will fund the expansion of Milton Mentors, to include a cross-age peer mentoring component between Milton High School Students (grades 10-12) and Milton Elementary School Students (grades 3-5).

**Milton Family Community Center** **\$3,793.00**

Twogether in Vermont

Twogether in Vermont, is a relationship based parenting program for couples raising children together and for staff working in the childcare field.

**Milton Town School District** **\$4,850.00**

Early Education Technology Integration Program

This program will implement a standardized, comprehensive and replicable technology program into preschools which is intended to provide teachers and center staff with the necessary skills to help students develop strong social and comprehension skills.

**Mountain Communities Supporting Education** **\$9,031.00**

Family & Student Enrichment Program

This grant funds Intergenerational Dialog Nights with meals, engaging activities and enrichment opportunities. These events will be focused on wellness, lifelong skills education and social and recreational interaction.

**NEK Kids on the Move** **\$3,613.00**

NEK Kids on the Move

NEK Kids on the Move aims to encourage lifelong healthy habits in the Northeast Kingdom youth through exposing them to a variety of seasonally appropriate, local activities.

**New England Youth Theatre** **\$10,200.00**

Accessible Theatre Education

The NEYT has created truly accessible theatre opportunities for students with and without disability by partnering with local schools and support services.

**One Planet Program** **\$15,000.00**

One Planet Program

We want to inspire a love of Science and an attitude of competence in this field among our K-6th grade students by increasing opportunities for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning time. We believe that the afterschool and summer setting, with its creative, flexible structure, is the perfect environment to explore STEM topics and spark a love of learning in this field.

**ONWARD!** **\$1,000.00**

ONWARD!

The grant will assist in acquiring laptops, which will be available for use by students, instructors, parents, and families of participants of ONWARD!. The laptops will benefit the program by providing access to online services, research, teaching and learning materials, as well as to provide a technology component to the afterschool program.

**Outright Vermont** **\$15,000.00**

Support for transgender and gender creative youth, children, and families

Outright Vermont's monthly Gender Creative Kids group (ages 5-12), Trans Group (ages 13-22), and Trans Parent Group provide safe, confidential spaces for peer and therapeutic support for children and youth whose gender expression doesn't fit rigid "male" or "female" expectations. Some identify as transgender, others are in a process of developing the gender identity that fits for them, which may be called "gender creative," "queer," "nonconforming," or "fluid." In groups, youth and families get questions answered, build a supportive community, and develop the resilience and emotional competence needed to mitigate the significant physical, social, and emotional health risks gender non-conforming children and youth experience.

**Prevent Child Abuse Vermont** **\$10,837.00**

Care For Kids

The purpose of this grant is to fund a mentoring & evaluation project that supports early care and education providers to implement a child sexual abuse prevention program "Care for Kids". The "Care for Kids" Program trains educators and parents and has a classroom curriculum for children in preschool, kindergarten and grades 1-2.

**Prevent Child Abuse Vermont** **\$5,000.00**

Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development for Schools

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAV) will develop, pilot, and implement a new training entitled "Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development" with school staff, parents, and other adults. This training will cover children's healthy sexual development at each age, what adults can do to support healthy sexual development, how to answer children's questions, and how to respond to behaviors in ways that promote health. As a result of this training, adults who live and work with children will have more information on healthy development, be more prepared to promote healthy behaviors, and be able to respond to concerning situations to prevent harmful behaviors.

**Prevent Child Abuse Vermont** **\$15,000.00**

Nurturing Parenting for Foster and Adoptive Families

This program plans to address issues that many foster and adoptive parents face raising young children, strengthen families, reduce the rate of return of children into foster care, and reduce movement of children within the foster care system. Vermont is in dire need of more foster and adoptive parents as DCF has taken more children into custody in recent years, particularly children under 6, because of the opiate addiction problems we are facing. These parents have a wide variety of challenges and need support. We propose to offer 3 Circle of Parent Support Groups and 2 Nurturing Parenting Programs for Foster and Adoptive Families. These programs will strengthen parenting skills and reduce foster home and adoptive failures.

**Project Against Violent Encounters** **\$6,656.00**

Circle of Parenting Nurturing parents

The Circle of Parenting Program aims to strengthen parent child relations, social skills and emotional wellness, increase financial literacy, build community connections with the goal of establishing safe, nurturing, stable homes.

**Quarry Hill School** **\$740.00**

Quarry Hill School

We would like to enrich our fruit trees and harvest curriculum by purchasing equipment for annual use by our students. This includes an apple broom, a picking ladder, and most importantly, a cider press. These purchases will become a regular component of our traditional autumn harvest curriculum. We have several apple trees as well as pear trees in our playyard that we care for and harvest annually. Children and teachers watch and notice the development of the fruit from blossom to harvest, and then prepare foods to eat and store. We feel that celebrating our connection to locally grown food is of the utmost importance for the health of our bodies and the health of our communities and is a natural fit in our program.

**Riverside Middle School 'Not' Summer School Program- Springfield School District** **\$11,800.00**

Riverside Middle School 'Not Summer School' Program

The Riverside Middle School "Not Summer School" program is an enrichment program offered to low socioeconomic status students with limited summer opportunities. Throughout the summer Riverides "Not Summer School" program provides a 4-week enrichment program for students going into 6th-8th grade. Additionally, the students we enroll have missed upwards of 30 days of school and can immensely benefit from a summer enrichment program. We call this program "Not Summer School" because our kids associate summer school with hours of endless math and reading while trapped inside on a beautiful day. "Not Summer School" focuses on learning "in real life". We focus on skills needed every day, and we focus on fun.

**Springfield Area Parent Child Center** **\$8,500.00**

Learning Together

Learning Together works to enable young parents to get the support and education needed to become self-supporting, contributing workers, citizens and parents.

**Springfield School District** **\$8,542.00**

All-4-One

These grant funds will be used for field trips to enhance All-4-One's Summer Academic Enrichment Program.

**St. Johnsbury School District** **\$12,750.00**

aligned social emotional curriculum

This program is designed to strengthen the social-emotional development of their students by acquiring/developing/providing aligned curriculum in all St. Johnsbury's qualified PreK centers.

**Sunrise Family Resource Center, Inc.** **\$10,695.00**

Engaging & Bonding with Fathers

This grant will fund the expansion of "Caring Dads" sessions which aim to create a good experience and build on fostering warm and intimate relationships with Dads and their children. It is two 17-week sessions with male and female facilitators.

**The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children** **\$10,000.00**

VT B-5

The Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative provides support & resources that allow Vermont communities to establish, strengthen and sustain high quality preschool experiences for 3 and 4 year olds that qualify of public education funding and ensures collaborative planning and design making involving families with young children, the public schools, child care providers and other early education services providers.

**Twinfield Together Mentoring Program** **\$10,600.00**

Twinfield Together Mentoring Program

Twinfield Together Mentoring Program (TTMP) has a clear goal: every student who wants a mentor has a mentor. By January 2015, TTMP was providing 38 students with mentors through its community and Everybody Wins! programs, but still there were students without mentors. Last spring, we piloted a peer-mentoring program to meet the demand. Fifteen high school students joined the program, and most of those matches continue in the current school year. Peer-mentoring is a great fit for our TTMP and the school and helps fill the mentoring gap. TTMP needs additional staff—perhaps an AmeriCorps member—to continue the peer-mentoring program.

**Twinfield Union School** **\$7,658.00**

Everybody Wins! At Twinfield Union School

Everybody Wins! works to improve students' attitudes towards books and reading through a meaningful one on one mentoring relationship with a community member. Grant funds will be used to continue supporting matches made this school year, as well as expand the program to recruit more mentors and include 5th graders.

**UVM & State Agricultural College** **\$10,804.00**

Vermont PROSPER

The PROSPER program fosters the positive growth and development of middle-school youth by strengthening families, building skills and reducing youth problem behaviors (e.g., substance abuse, violence and other problems). UVM PROSPER will implement both the Family Program two times per year for 6th graders and their parents as well as implement the in-school program for all 7th graders at Lyndon Town School and Camels Hump.

**VCTF Site Visits** **\$15,000.00**

VCTF

VCTF will make site visits to current CTF program grantee.

**Very Merry Theatre** **\$10,838.00**

Very Merry Theatre Voices

The VMT Voices program enriches education for underserved youth in the Burlington community by improving access to arts education through an enhanced scholarship program & through the design and building a sustainable infrastructure to cultivate a truly representative youth leadership ladder.

**VNA of Chittenden & Grand Isle Counties** **\$7,511.00**

Strong Families

The Strong Families program will expand the VNA parent education and support group for at-risk mothers, which includes childcare and facilitated playgroups for their children. They anticipate serving an additional 8010 mothers by restructuring the program and going from 2-3 groups offered during the year.

**VSA Vermont, Inc.** **\$10,838.00**

Start With the Arts (expansion)

This grant will allow VSA to expand its home-based, Start With The Arts early literacy program from 36 sites to 42 by adding 6 licensed centers serving an additional 85 children, with a model adapted to the particular needs of centers.

**VT Association for Blind & Visually Impaired (VABVI)** **\$4,250.00**

Infant/Toddler Training Program

VABVI's staff intervenes as soon as a visual impairment is detected so children can learn alongside peers and keep up physically, socially, and academically.

**Washington County Youth Service Bureau** **\$10,827.00**

Northfield Teen Center "Walk a Mile"

The Northfield Teen Center's 'Walk a Mile' program engages youth in skill-building and community engagement activities which are art focused, youth selected, youth driven, and facilitated by positive adult mentors.

**Washington County Youth Service Bureau - Boys & Girls Club** **\$14,556.00**

Basement Teen Center

The Basement Teen Center (BTC) is a drop-in space in downtown Montpelier that provides quality afterschool opportunities for youth ages 12-18. The BTC provides youth with a unique, unparalleled opportunity to explore interests, solve problems and develop creative programming and skills of their own choosing. In this proposal, the BTC will help youth address their concern that they don't feel valued in their community. Through the development of collaborative community events, youth and adults will act as equal partners in planning, implementing, and evaluating activities that help them to identify common interests, to learn and have fun, and to recognize each other's inherent strengths. Youth will develop a sense of belonging and purpose.

**Windham Child Care Association** **\$9,031.00**

Farm to Preschool

The Farm To Preschool program goal is to increase the quality of child care in Windham County by integrating gardens, fresh foods and curriculum related to nutrition into child care programs.

**Windham Child Care Association** **\$10,000.00**

Early Learning Express

The Early Learning Express (ELE) bookmobile visits early care and education centers, afterschool programs, and low-income communities in our region. It is uniquely effective outreach to early care and education providers in isolated rural areas. These programs often lack the ability to access local libraries or other resources to provide program enrichment to the children they serve. The ELE has always included books, songs, stories and interactive learning. Recently we expanded our programs to include more arts exposure. Art is a great vehicle to introduce young children to literacy, math and science concepts while their brains are still developing. Thus, the bookmobile is a portal to learning through music, puppetry and other forms art.

**Winooski Family Center** **\$8,248.00**

Preschool Family Involvement

This grant will provide parent education and individualized support opportunities with the goal of increasing parental involvement in their child's education, thus improving Kindergarten Readiness.

**Winooski Family Center (SF)** **\$6,500.00**

Preschool Family Involvement

Sally Fox Award

**Youth Services, Inc. Brattleboro** **\$10,837.00**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windham County

The Big Brothers/Big Sister program will help children facing adversity to succeed at school by matching them with caring volunteer mentors who impact their social and emotional competencies, attitudes towards school, and attitudes towards risky behaviors.