

# VERMONT PROJECT LAUNCH

## LINKING ACTIONS FOR UNMET NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Research continues to underscore the critical relationship between early childhood experiences and successful life-long outcomes. Vermont is promoting the healthy development of young children through **Project LAUNCH**, a federal initiative funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) received a five-year SAMHSA Project LAUNCH grant in 2012. Project LAUNCH is grounded in a comprehensive view of health that addresses the physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral aspects of well-being.

Vermont's Project LAUNCH is being piloted in Chittenden County and enhances the quality and availability of existing programs and services for children birth through 8 with a focus on the five LAUNCH prevention and promotion strategies. The project also seeks to engage new American families including refugees. The overarching goal is that Vermont children live in safe, supportive environments and enter school ready to succeed.

**Building Bright Futures** serves as the grantee of VDH for LAUNCH implementation. The Building Bright Futures Chittenden County Council is a cornerstone of the project, bringing parents, community members and key leaders together to improve outcomes for young children.

Vermont Project LAUNCH partners include the Community Health Center of Burlington, the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Services, Fletcher Allen Health Care's University Pediatrics, HowardCenter, Lund Family Center, Milton Family Center, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, Vermont Family Network, and the Visiting Nurses Association. Project LAUNCH implementation happens in the context of Building Bright Futures, Children's Integrated Services, Community Health Teams, childcare resource and referral, schools, services and supports for New Americans and more.

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## PROJECT LAUNCH'S

### FIVE PREVENTION & PROMOTION STRATEGIES



SCREENING AND  
ASSESSMENT IN A RANGE  
OF CHILD-SERVING SETTINGS

INTEGRATION OF  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTO  
PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS

MENTAL HEALTH  
CONSULTATION IN EARLY  
CARE AND EDUCATION

ENHANCED HOME  
VISITING THROUGH  
INCREASED FOCUS  
ON SOCIAL AND  
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

FAMILY STRENGTHENING  
AND PARENTING SKILLS  
TRAINING



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