

### **Access to VT Crisis Intervention Network (VCIN) Beds for Children**

The purpose of the Vermont Crisis Intervention Network Level III beds is to provide emergency placement in a safe, calm environment for individuals with ID/DD who are experiencing a psychiatric, emotional or behavioral crisis. The beds are located in Moretown and Wardsboro. Support is individualized and includes 24 hour supervision, community support, medical, psychiatric and therapeutic services. VCIN assures the safety and well-being of individuals who receive Level III services.

Admission to the beds is prior authorized by the Developmental Disabilities Services Division of DAIL, typically by one of the Developmental Disabilities Services Specialists. Admissions are time-limited, ordinarily **not to exceed 14 days**. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis.

Clinical meetings are held weekly while a person is utilizing a VCIN bed. It is expected that key members of the person's team including their parent/guardian and agency service coordinator and/or agency clinical staff will participate in the meeting either in person or by phone.

***The following is specific guidance regarding children under age 18, who may or may not be receiving Developmental Disabilities Home and Community Based Services, and the process to access VCIN Level III bed placement:***

1. A VCIN bed must be requested by a Developmental Disabilities Services agency, including both Designated and Specialized Services agencies. The agency must be prepared to bear the total cost of the placement.
2. The child must be a Vermont resident and been found clinically eligible for DD services (have an Intellectual Disability or Pervasive Developmental Disorder, both with significant adaptive deficits, as defined in the Regulations Implementing the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1996, March 2011 document).
3. Children with ID/DD who are in the custody of the Department for Children and Families may access the VCIN beds as long as the local DD services agency:
  - has found the child eligible for services,
  - is willing to work with the child and his/her team,
  - assumes responsibility for payment,
  - makes the request.
  - The DCF guardian/social worker must be in agreement that VCIN placement is in the child's best interests, and be available to participate in the weekly clinical meeting. The DCF Residential Services Manager in DCF Central Office must be notified of the placement as well.
4. Placement with VCIN is **NOT** a holding spot/step to placement at a residential school, ICF/DD, or other institutional setting. The purpose of the placement is to achieve crisis stabilization so the child can return to his/her family or community-based setting.

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5. Requests for children to utilize VCIN will be prioritized with all requests from around the state for the two beds. Geographic and educational needs will be considered in the prioritization process.
6. All requirements of the VCIN Interagency Agreements must be followed by the participating parties.

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