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News & Stories

Angel's Journey to Embracing Life Again



Angel (left) and her mother (right) in the repaired family van

Angel was referred to Easterseals VT's Compass program by her mother due to health concerns for her quality of life facing Spina Bifida health challenges. With guidance from Lana Deppert, Compass Youth Coordinator, Angel has gained confidence and independence. Compass serves at-risk youth ages 12 to 23 to enhance well-being and stability.

Lana helped get the family's van repaired, which improved Angel's mobility, and connected her to a Special Olympics bowling program that brought her joy and friendship. When the program concluded, Angel was disappointed. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Easterseals VT was able to provide Angel with a year-long bowling pass to continue to support her wellbeing.

As Angel's 24th birthday approaches, Lana is helping her establish a stable routine and pursue a counselor position at Youth Rally, a camp for youth with bowel and bladder conditions.

[Read Angel's Full Story](#)

1985-2025 Celebrating 40 Years of Impact



Mark Johnson, former VP of Easterseals VT, at a 24-hour relay fundraising event in 1997

2025 marks an exciting milestone for Easterseals VT as we celebrate our 40th anniversary! Founded in 1985 by Vermont residents who recognized service gaps in our local areas, our organization has undergone remarkable evolution over the past four decades.

Ginny McNamara, our Senior Office Manager has dedicated 34 years to Easterseals VT, and she is amazed by the growth and transformation within the organization. "When I first started, we were known as The Easter Seals Teaching Family Center, with just three employees, serving three group homes in Vermont, and collaborating with one Department for Children and Families (DCF) district. Today, we have around 100 staff members, and provide services in 11 of the 12 DCF Districts across the state."

Stay tuned for how you can get involved as we celebrate 40 years of impact this year at our events, on our website, social media, and through email!

Easterseals VT Launches Local Business Sticker Initiative for VIP Campaign

This spring, Easterseals VT is launching its first ever Local Biz Sticker Program in an effort to raise funds and awareness for our Very Important Partner (VIP) Campaign. This fundraising campaign helps Easterseals VT provide best-in-class programs and services. This year, Easterseals VT aims to raise \$10,500 through the VIP Campaign to guarantee critical services and programs to those who rely on them.

For a \$100 donation, local businesses can become a Very Important Partner of Easterseals VT in 2025. In return they receive a window sticker to proudly display their support for the community and Vermont neighbors in need, and will be listed on our website as a 2025 VIP. If your business is interested, please contact us at:

development@eastersealsVT.org

Contact Us Today!



VIP window stickers are available for a \$100 donation to Easterseals VT

Upcoming Easterseals VT Events

- **Inspiring Possibilities: ESVT Impact Sessions**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 12–1 p.m.

As of April 1, there were 864 children and youth in Vermont state's custody, learn how your support is making an impact in their lives. Join us on Zoom to discover more about our programs and services, presented by our Leadership team and program experts.

To receive the Zoom link, please register here: <https://eastersealsVT.org/impact-session>

- **Norwich Inn Gathering**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 1–2:30 p.m. or 5–6:30 p.m. Norwich Inn, 325 Main Street, Norwich, VT

Join us for a gathering at the Norwich Inn to learn more about our services and impact that we have on Vermonters thanks to the dedication of our supporters like YOU. Limited spots available, first come first serve. To get a seat at this event, you must register here:

<https://eastersealsVT.org/norwich-inn-gathering>

- **Over the Edge**

Saturday, July 19, 2025, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. North Barre Manor, 555 North Main Street, Barre VT

Watch brave supporters rappel the North Barre Manor or sign up and do it yourself!

<https://eastersealsVT.org/events/over-the-edge>

To learn more, visit eastersealsVT.org. For more information about events, please contact development@eastersealsVT.org

What is Easterseals VT?

Easterseals Vermont provides services throughout Vermont, often partnering with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to find family centered solutions and create safety and well-being for children and parents. Our **100** employees support the needs of approximately **2,000** individuals each year, including at-risk youth, foster youth, and families formed by adoption or guardianship. With a budget of nearly **\$8 million**, we provided nearly **\$32,000** in financial assistance to families and individuals. We help Vermont children and families live their best lives. To learn more, visit <https://eastersealsVT.org>

[Learn More Today](#)

Easterseals VT Locations



Be Sure to Support Your Local Easterseals

A friendly reminder to make sure to help your Vermont neighbors by supporting our local Easterseals VT and [keeping your donations in your community](#).

Check the logo and address on any Easterseals mail you receive before responding to it to ensure it's from Easterseals VT at **14 North Main Street, Suite 3004 Barre, VT 05641**.

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Our Impact in FY24: Check out our Digital Annual Report

Digital Annual Report

1,299

VT families helped to improve their safety, security, and well-being

209

VT families formed by adoption or guardianship given needed support

86

VT children and families facing stability and safety challenges were provided intensive support

48

At-risk youth in Rutland County, VT, supported in transitioning to adulthood

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