

Your Local Health Office



The Vermont Department of Health holds the vision of healthy Vermonters living in healthy communities.

Our mission and goals are to protect and promote optimal health for all Vermonters through effective and integrated public health programs that foster communities with the capacity to respond to public health needs and provide health equity for all Vermonters.

The Barre District Office serves the 67,181 residents of 24 towns located in Washington and parts of Orange Counties. In total, we make up almost 11% of the state's population.

Members of our staff are public health experts in our community. We provide services to individuals and also work with local leaders to create the conditions that make health possible in our community.

Programs and Services

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Strengthen the community's health and decrease substance abuse by providing five services: 1) community mobilization; 2) program planning and consultation; 3) presentations and training; 4) support for community grants; 5) information and referral. **479-4250**

Breastfeeding Program

Public health nurses and nutritionists are available to answer questions about infant feeding. Breast pumps are available for **WIC** participants. **476-1604**

Chronic Disease Program

Provides guidance to communities in prioritizing local health issues and developing effective interventions. Acts as a liaison between the Health Department and Central Vermont Medical Center's Blueprint team. **476-0162**

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Partners with Local Emergency Planning Commissions, hospitals, and other community groups in preparedness planning. Maintains a base of volunteers trained for emergency response. **479-8565**

Food and Lodging

Inspects, monitors, and licenses establishments that prepare and serve food or offer lodging to the public. **476-0159**

Fostering Healthy Families

Works with the Department of Children and Families and medical providers to ensure that foster families have adequate information and resources to attend to foster children's health needs. **476-0167**

HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis Program

Provides free and anonymous HIV testing and harm reduction counseling. Distributes risk reduction materials to help to reduce the spread of these diseases in our community. **479-0987**

Infectious Disease

Works to prevent and control the spread of contagious diseases in the community. Participates in emergency preparedness planning and operations that involve infectious disease and other public health emergencies. **479-0987**

Immunization

Conducts regular clinics to provide immunizations to uninsured or underinsured individuals at no cost. Provides support to health care providers, schools, and child care providers to increase the number of people in our community with needed immunizations. **476-0165**

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Works with health care providers and parents to increase the number of one and two year olds who have been tested for lead poisoning and receive appropriate follow-up services. **476-0167**

Maternal and Child Health Services

Provides support and referrals to pregnant and parenting women and their families. Collaborates with healthcare, early childhood and other providers to improve the health and well-being of women and children.

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Nutrition Services

Educates and provides practical assistance to schools, child care centers and other community organizations interested in improving nutrition.

479-7442

School Health

Provides support and information to school nurses. Acts as a resource for schools in starting Coordinated School Health Teams, Tooth Tutor, Fit & Healthy Kids, Safe Routes to Schools, and Farm to School Programs.

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Sudden Unexplained Infant Death

Provide initial coordination and access to information and resources for families and the community at the time of a sudden infant death of an infant under one year of age.

476-0163

WIC

Ensure good nutrition for pregnant women, new mothers, infants and young children. Services include: healthy food; health screening, education and referral; and breastfeeding promotion and support.

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District Director

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District Supervisor

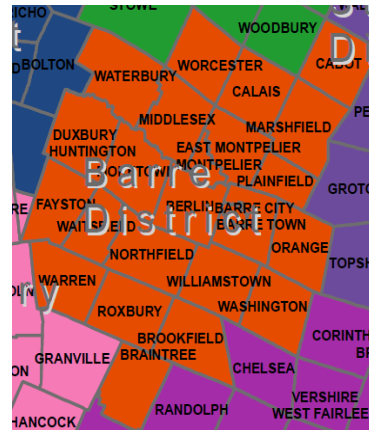
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