The Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP) is a population-based maternal and child health services research and quality improvement program of the University of Vermont.

VCHIP supports our partners in their efforts to enhance care by providing tools and techniques to improve the health of specific populations. We actively assist clinicians through measurement-based assessments of current care delivery. By providing practical feedback and support, we help practices identify specific and achievable improvements in the health outcomes of children and families.

VCHIP also provides expertise to organizations outside Vermont that share our mission. We encourage conversations across the many organizations serving children and families, and we offer technical assistance to help inform state and national policy. This collaborative approach – guided by best practices, clearly defined measurement, and extensive experience – holds the best promise of improving the practice of public and private health care across increasingly complex delivery systems.

SELECTED VCHIP PROJECTS

2011  Child Health Advances Measured in Practice (CHAMP)*
      Immunization Registry Evaluation

2010  Adolescent Mental Health*
      CHIPRA Demonstration Project*
      Children’s Oral Health Survey
      Family Wellness Coach Training

2009  Abusive Head Trauma Prevention
      Developmental and Autism Screening*
      Late Preterm Infant Quality Improvement*
      National Improvement Partnership Network (NIPN)*

2008  Bright Futures
      Medicaid Policy Consultation and Evaluation*
      Vermont Regional Perinatal Health Project*
      Vermont Suicide Prevention Evaluation (SAMHSA)*
      Youth in Transition Evaluation (SAMHSA)*

2007  Blueprint Evaluation*
      Teen Safe Driving

2006  Coordinating Asthma Care: Schools, Parents and Clinicians

2005  Chronic Illness*
      Promoting Healthier Weight in Pediatrics

2004  Care of the Opiate-Exposed Newborn*
      Child Development
      Vermont Immunization Registry Rollout

2003  Child Mental Health*
      Improvement Partnerships
      Improving Prenatal Care in Vermont

2002  Vermont Hospital Preventive Services Initiative
      Youth in Foster Care

2001  Youth Health Improvement Initiative*

2000  Vermont Preventive Services Initiative

1999  Core funding obtained and VCHIP Executive Director hired

1994-98  On-going collaboration among VDH, UVM, AAP-VT and VAFP

* Active projects (as of 2011)