STAYING HOME
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Northwestern Vermont Caregiver Resources

Introduction
Age Well offers a growing number of programs to provide support for caregivers. Taking care of a loved or client can be hard work—we come to this process with expertise, resources, and a commitment to serve those who give so much to the aging population.

Information and community resources
The Helpline at Age Well is for family caregivers as well as seniors, health care professionals, and anyone concerned about a senior. Calls are answered by one of our friendly, professional and certified staff who can find the answers, when you need them. Just call: 1-800-642-5119.

Alzheimer’s Association
- Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Center: www.alz.org/care
- Alzheimer’s Association/ Vermont Chapter: 802-316-3839, www.alz.org/vermont/

Support / social groups & education
- Online support groups: https://www.alzconnected.org/
- Telephone support group for people living with dementia—for information call the Alzheimer’s Association/VT Chapter: 802-316-3839 or the 24/7 Helpline: 1-800-272-3900
- Telephone support group for caregivers of persons with dementia—for information call the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline, 1-800-272-3900
- Early stage telephone support group: 1-800-272-3900
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers: A six-week series of classes for family caregivers designed to help restore the balance between caring for others and caring for oneself. For more information, Call the Helpline: 1-800-642-5119
- Memory Café: A social time and place for people with dementia and their support partners to laugh, learn, socialize, share concerns, and celebrate feeling understood and connected.
Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Location: Thayer House Garden Commons Room, 1197 North Avenue, Burlington, VT 05408

- Memory Café, St. Albans: Temporarily discontinued.

Dementia support groups
Please call to confirm meeting time and space availability

- **Burlington**
  Meets the last Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm
  Location: Birchwood Terrace Healthcare, 43 Starr Farm Road
  Contact: Kim Ebel, 802-863-6384

- **Essex Junction**
  Early Onset Group “In Harmony” (For caregivers and individuals who have dementia)
  Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm
  Location: Age Well, 76 Pearl Street, Suite 201
  Contact: Diane Way, 802-489-5682 or Dan Bouchard, 802-865-8009 / dan13bouch@hotmail.com

- **Middlebury**
  Meets the 3rd Friday of each month, 12:00pm
  Location: Elderly Services, 112 Exchange Street, P.O. Box 581
  Contact: 802-388-3983 / mail@elderlyservices.org

  Meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm
  Location: The Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Road
  Contact: Judy English, 802-388-1220 / mail@elderlyservices.org

- **Shelburne**
  Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm
  Location: The Residence at Shelburne Bay, 185 Pine Haven Shores Road, West Building Vermont Room
  Contact: Cathy Stroutsos, 802-923-2513 / cstroutsos@residenceshelleburnebay.com

  Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9:30am
  Location: The Arbors, 687 Harbor Road
  Contact: Cathy Michaels, 802-985-3600 / cmichaels@benchmarkquality.com
Other support groups

- Grief and Recovery
  Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm
  Location: 3 Home Health Cir, St Albans City, VT 05478
  Contact: Lori Wright, 802-527-7531

- Vermont American Parkinson’s Association: 802-847-3366, 1-888-763-3366,
  www.parkinsonsvt.org, Patricia_rugg18@comcast.net

  St. Albans
  Franklin County, VT Parkinson’s Support Group,
  Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10:00am
  Location: Northwest Medical Center, 133 Fairfield Road
  Contact: 802-524-5520

  Shelburne
  Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1:00pm
  Location: The Residence at Shelburne Bay, 185 Pine Haven Shores Rd. Shelburne, East
  Building Theater Room
  Contact: Cathy Stroutsos, 802-923-2513 /cstroutsos@residenceshelburnebay.com


  Burlington
  Meets the last Friday of each month, 11:00am
  Location: Dept. of Labor, 63 Pearl Street, Conference Rm A.
  Contact: Courtney Blasius

  Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
  Location: Fanny Allen Hospital, 790 College Parkway (Route 15) Colchester
  Contacts: Barbara Winters and Diane Wheaton

  Middlebury
  Meets 6:00pm – 7:30pm (Hiatus during summer months)
  Location: Isley Library, 75 Main Street
  Contacts: Lisa Bernardin and Debbie Tracht

  Waterbury
  Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:15pm – 7:30pm
  Location: Waterbury Library, 29 North Main Street
  Contact: Maggie Allen
• Huntington’s Disease, New England Region Chapter: 1-978-256-0811, 1-888-554-8102, www.hdsa.org
  Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm
  Location: Fanny Allen Hospital, 790 College Parkway, Dunbar Room
  Contact: 802-922-5292 / lmarti4068@aol.com

Care provider agencies, caregiver registry & respite
Medicare certified home health agencies
• Addison County Home Health and Hospice (ACHHH), Middlebury: 802-388-7259, 1-800-639-1521, www.achhh.org
• Franklin County Home Health Agency (FCHHA), St. Albans: 802-527-7531, www.fchha.org

In-home care, homemaking & respite services
Private “fee-for-service” help provided in the home may include personal care, bathing, toileting, meal preparation, light housekeeping, shopping, respite and more. For more information, contact the Helpline: 1-800-642-5119 or go to www.agewellvt.org
• Addison County Home Health and Hospice: 802-388-7259, www.achhh.org
• TLC Nursing Associates, Inc. and TLC HomeCare Services: 802-735-1123, 1-888-414-0703 www.tclnursing.com
• At Home Senior Care: 802-388-7555, 1-866-747-7168, www.athomeseniors.net
• Babies to Boomers: 802-540-0433, www.babiesboomersvt.com
• Bayada Home Health Care: 802-448-1610, 1-888-422-9232, www.bayada.com
• Carenet Private Duty Registry, Franklin County Home Health: 802-527-7531, www.fchha.org
• Griswold Home Care: 802-862-7200, www.griswoldhomecare.com
• Happy Hearts Home Care: 802-352-9838, www.happyheartshomecare.com
• Home Instead Senior Care: 802-318-4008, www.homeinstead.com
• Silver Leaf In-Home Care: 802-355-3790 (cell), www.silverleafcare.info
• VNA Private Care Services: 802-860-4400, 1-800-427-1908, 802-658-1900, www.vnacares.org
• Synergy Home Care: 802-399-2142, 1-877-432-2692 (24/7 line), www.synergyhomecare.com
Caregiver registry

- Vermont Direct Care Registry: 866-212-9675, www.rewardingwork.org/vt, use code 346341
- Home Instead Dementia Relief Grant Program: 888-734-8645, www.homeinstead.com

Dementia respite grants

- Age Well offers respite grants to family members and other unpaid primary caregivers who are provide in-home, day-to-day care for a person who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or another memory disorder and who meets certain financial criteria. These funds can be used to provide in-home respite services (home care or chore services, personal care, companion services) or out-of-home respite services (adult day programs and short-term stays in residential care facilities or nursing homes). Call the Helpline: 1-800-642-5119 for more information.
- Home Instead and the Hilarity for Charity Foundation also have a Dementia Care Relief Grant program. This provides three grant levels of in-home care through local Home Instead offices: 25 hours per week for a year, 15 hours per week for a year or a one-time 25 hour grant. For further information and to apply, call 1-888-734-8645 or visit www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com

Adult day programs

Daytime care can foster independence and well-being while providing caregivers with needed respite. Services include supervision, personal care, nursing services, socialization, nutritious meals and snacks, and recreation.

- Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle, 1110 Prim Rd., Colchester, VT Serves Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties. Programs in Colchester, Essex Junction and South Burlington (dementia care specialty in Essex and South Burlington) 802-860-4407; info@vnacares.org, www.vnacares.org
- Elderly Services, 112 Exchange St., Middlebury, VT Serves Addison County 802-388-3983 / mail@elderlyservices.org, www.elderlyservices.org
- CarePartners Adult Day Center, 34 Franklin Park West, St. Albans, VT Serves Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. 802-527-0548, info@carepartnersvt.org, www.carepartnersvt.org
- The Arbors at Shelburne, 687 Harbor Road, Shelburne, VT. Serves Chittenden County. 802-318-4445 www.benchmarkseniorliving.com/vt/shelburne
Memory centers
These centers diagnose age-related memory & thinking disorders and provide treatment, including drug therapies.

- The Memory Center, University of Vermont Medical Center, 792 College Parkway, Colchester, VT 802-847-1111, 1-888-362-3242, www.uvmhealth.org, referralcenter@uvmhealth.org to refer a patient
- Dartmouth Geropsychiatry & Memory Clinic, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Hanover, NH, Main office: 1-603-650-2887, geriatric.dartmouth.edu www.geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/psych/care/dhmc_services/geriatric_psychiatry

Long-term care
Frail or disabled adults who medically and financially qualify for nursing home level of care may be eligible for Choices for Care, Vermont’s Long-Term Care Medicaid Program. This program provides individuals with a choice of settings in which to receive care: a nursing home, residential care home or in-home support. In-home supports include case management, personal care (e.g., help with bathing or dressing), respite care, adult day health center services, assistive devices and home modification. Choices for Care-Moderate Needs can provide assistance with adult day and some homemaker services. For more information about these programs contact the Helpline: 1-800-642-5119, your local home health agency, or http://dfc.vermont.gov

Veterans independence program
This program is designed for military veterans seeking an alternative to nursing home care and helps them receive in-home assistance and support so they can remain in their homes. It is a statewide collaboration between the Veterans Administration and Area Agencies on Aging. There is no income eligibility, but veterans must need a defined level of care. For more information, call the Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

Out-of-home respite care providers
These nursing homes and residential care homes can provide short-term out-of-home respite, depending on bed availability.

- Ave Maria Community Care Home, Richford: 802-848-7106, www.avemariacare.com
• Converse Home, Burlington, 272 Church Street, Burlington, VT 802-862-0401, www.conversehome.com
• Franklin County Rehabilitation Center, St. Albans: 802-752-1600, www.franklincountyrehab.com
• Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Middlebury: 802-388-4001, info@heLENporter.org, www.heLENporter.org
• Our Lady of the Meadows, Richford: 802-848-7106, www.avenmariacare.com
• Redstone Villa, St. Albans, 802-524-3498, www.villarehab.com
• St. Albans Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, St. Albans: 802-524-6534, www.genesisvhc.com
• Starr Farm Nursing Center, 802-658-6717, www.starrfamnc.com
• The Arbors, Shelburne, 802-985-8600, www.arborsatshelburne.com
• Vermont Respite House, Colchester, 802-879-0943, 802-860-4410, www.vnacares.org

For a comprehensive registry of nursing homes, residential care settings and other types of healthcare providers located in Vermont, consumer guidelines for choosing a nursing home, and more, visit to the website of the Department of Licensing and Protection at the Vermont Department of Aging and Independent Living, www.dlp.org

Housing for Individuals with Dementia
The following facilities provide a range of specialized assisted living, licensed residential care and nursing home care for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease or other types of dementia.

Assisted Living
• Converse Home, 272 Church Street, Burlington: Kandace Benedini, 802-862-0401, www.conversehome.com
• Mansfield Place, 18 Carmichael Street, Essex Junction: Laurie Malensant, 802-871-5808, lmalensant@mansfieldplace vt.com, www.mansfieldplacevt.com
• The Residence at Quarry Hill, 465 Quarry Hill Road, South Burlington: Stephanie Parker, 802-652-4113, sparker@residencequarryhill.com, www.residencequarryhill.com
Licensed Residential Care Homes
- The Arbors, 687 Harbor Road, Shelburne: Cathy Michaels, 802-985-8600, www.benchmarkseniorliving.com
- Eastview at Middlebury, 100 Eastview Terrace, Middlebury: Brenda Schill, 802-989-7500, www.eastviewatmiddlebury.com
- Our Lady of the Meadows, 1 Pinnacle Meadows, Richford, Claire Doe, 802-848-7106, www.avemariacare.com
- The Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Road, Middlebury, Timothy Ryan 802-388-1220, www.residenceottercreek.com
- The Residence at Shelburne Bay West, 185 Pine Haven Shore Road, Shelburne, Cathy Stroutsos, 802-985-9847, www.residenceshelburnebay.com
- Spring Village at Essex, 6 Freeman Woods, Essex: Carrie Rae Shamel, 802-872-1700, carrie.shamel@springvillageessex.com, www.springvillageessex.com

Nursing Homes
- The Arbors, 687 Harbor Road, Shelburne: Cathy Michaels, 802-985-8600, www.benchmarkseniorliving.com
- Birchwood Terrace Healthcare, 43 Starr Farm Road, Burlington: Abilene Smith, 802-734-8244, www.birchwoodterrace.com
- Helen Porter Healthcare & Rehab Center, 30 Porter Dr., Middlebury: Jessica Goodrich, 802-388-4001, info@helenporter.org, www.helenporter.org
- St. Albans Healthcare and Rehab Center, 596 Sheldon Road, St. Albans: Alan Shannon, 802-524-6534, www.genesishcc.com/SaintAlbans

Legal Assistance
Consulting with an attorney may be helpful as you and your family face a memory or cognitive impairment. Several organizations can help you locate a lawyer who specializes in your need.
- If you need help locating an attorney, contact the Vermont Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 802-223-202, www.vtbar.org
- The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys has a member directory which you can search for individuals who work with older clients, people with special needs and their families. 1-703-942-5711, www.naela.org
- For information about putting legal/estate and financial plans in place visit: www.alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-financial-legal-planning.asp
Vermont Legal Aid’s Senior Citizens Law Project provides free legal advice and representation to persons over 60 in a broad range of civil legal areas (not criminal), including housing, healthcare, public benefits, abuse and exploitation cases, planning for incapacity, nursing home and residential care issues, guardianship, veterans issues. 1-800-889-2047, www.vtlegalaid.org

**Additional Resources**
- Family Caregiver Alliance, www.caregiver.org
- National Institute on Aging, www.nia.nih.gov/HealthInformation
- National Alliance for Caregiving, www.caregiving.org
- Vermont Division of Disability and Aging Services, www.ddas.vermont.gov
- Vermont Direct Care Worker Registry, www.rewardingwork.org
- Committee of Vermont Elders, www.vermontelders.org
- VT Kin as Parents, www.vermontkinasparents.org

**Tips for caregivers**
- Plan ahead
- Accept help
- Take one day at a time
- Get enough rest
- Be good to yourself
- Develop contingency plans
- Make your health a priority
- Make time for leisure and rest
- Share your feelings with others
- Learn about available resources

For corrections/updates contact Lynn Russell, Lynn@agewellvt.org, 802-865-0360

*To learn more about services available for people 60+ years of age living in Northwestern Vermont, contact the Helpline at Age Well: 1-800-642-5119 or visit www.agewellvt.org*

Age Well is a nonprofit organization that serves Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle counties and is the largest Meals on Wheels provider in Vermont. Our mission is to provide the support and guidance that inspires community to embrace aging with confidence. To learn more and donate, visit: agewellvt.org