



The Vermont Youth Health Advisory Council, newly named Vermont RAYS (raise Awareness for Youth Services) is a nimble group of young people ages 16-26 in the state of Vermont who will serve as an advisory council to the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP) Youth Health Initiative. The VT RAYS offer youth perspectives on issues that affect adolescent health care. The council will be youth-driven, with decisions made by the council and supported by council facilitators. Join us!

This year, we will meet once a month, and our primary project is to help plan and provide advice to Vermont health care practices that are trying to improve well care for adolescents and young adults. Council members will receive financial reimbursement for participation in council work.

To apply, email your completed application to Angela Zinno at angela.zinno@med.uvm.edu.

1. Your preferred name: _____
2. Gender: _____
3. How old are you? _____
 - a. If you are **less than** 18 years of age, we will need to obtain permission from your parent or guardian. Please provide us with the following:
 - i. Parent or Guardian Name: _____
 - ii. Parent or Guardian Phone Number: _____
3. School Name (if you are in school): _____
4. In which county, town or city do you live? _____
5. Email Address: _____
6. Phone number(s): _____
7. What is the best way to reach you? (E.g., texting is best and I do not check my email much, etc.)

8. How did you hear about VT YHAC, now RAYS? _____
9. Please explain why you would like to be a member of the Vermont RAYS. What special skills or perspectives do you feel that you could offer? Please consider your own experiences with the health care system in Vermont as you answered this question. Please use the following page to write your response, limiting your response to this question to 250 words.

