

# Caregiver Resources for Dementia Care and Respite Lamoille, Orange & Washington Counties

## Area Agency on Aging & Senior HelpLine

- **Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA)**, 59 N. Main Street, Barre, VT 05641  
Phone: 1-802-479-0531 / Toll Free: 1-877-379-2600 / Fax: 1-802-479-4235  
Email: [info@cvcoa.org](mailto:info@cvcoa.org) / Website: [www.cvcoa.org](http://www.cvcoa.org)
- **Senior HelpLine** 1-800-642-5119

## Alzheimer's Association

- Alzheimer's Association 24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-272-3900 / [www.alz.org/](http://www.alz.org/)
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Center: [www.alz.org/care/overview.asp](http://www.alz.org/care/overview.asp)
- Vermont Alzheimer's Association: 1-802-316-3839 / [www.alz.org/vermont/](http://www.alz.org/vermont/)

## Education and Support/Social Groups

- **“Powerful Tools for Caregivers”**  
A six-week series of classes for family caregivers designed to help you restore the balance between caring for others and caring for yourself. For information contact Barb Asen, Family Caregiver Coordinator at CVCOA: 1-802-476-2681 / [basen@cvcoa.org](mailto:basen@cvcoa.org)
- **Montpelier Memory Café**  
A social time and place for people with dementia and their support partner to laugh, learn, socialize, share concerns, and celebrate feeling understood and connected. Programs include music, movement and other interactive activities, with refreshments provided. Free admission, donations accepted.  
Montpelier Memory Café meets on the second Saturday of every month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street. For information contact Liz Dodd: 1-802-229-9630 or visit [www.sympavt.wix.com/montpeliermemorycafe#!](http://www.sympavt.wix.com/montpeliermemorycafe#!)
- **Alzheimer's Association education programs: “Know the Ten Signs”; “The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease”; “Living with Alzheimer's”; and “Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease”.** Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-802-316-3839 or [www.alz.org/vermont](http://www.alz.org/vermont) for information and schedule.
- **ALZConnected** online social networking community for people with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers: questions and input among peers; public and private groups; topical message boards / [www.alzconnected.org](http://www.alzconnected.org)
- **Support groups**
  - **Alzheimer's Support Group – Morrisville** Lamoille Home Health & Hospice  
3rd Thurs. of each month from 2:00 - 3:30 pm; call Oona Borello at 802-888-4651
  - **Alzheimer's Telephone Caregiver Support Group**  
1st Mon. of each month - 4:00-5:30 pm; call (800)272-3900 for information
  - **Alzheimer's Online Support Groups** at <https://www.alzconnected.org/>
  - **Caregiver Support Group – Chelsea** Chelsea Public Library  
1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of each month from noon – 1 p.m.; call Morgan Dion at Kingwood Health Center, 802-728-7112
  - **Caregiver Support Group – Barre** Project Independence  
1st Wed. of each month from 4:30 - 6:00 pm; contact Julie Drauszewski, RN at 802-476-3630 or [Julie@pibarre.org](mailto:Julie@pibarre.org)
  - **Caregiver Support Group – Waitsfield** Mad River Valley Family Practice  
1st & 3rd Tues. of each month from 2:00 - 3:00 pm; contact Kate Anderson at 802-496-3838 or [kate.anderson@cvmc.org](mailto:kate.anderson@cvmc.org)

For links to additional/topical support groups and resources see  
[www.cvcoa.org/support-groups.html](http://www.cvcoa.org/support-groups.html)

## Care Provider Agencies, Caregiver Registry & Respite

- **Medicare Certified Home Health Agencies**
  - **Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH):** [www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org), 1-802-223-1878
  - **Lamoille Home Health & Hospice:** [www.lhha.org](http://www.lhha.org), 1-802-888-4651
  - **Visiting Nurse & Hospice for VT and NH:** [www.vnhcare.org](http://www.vnhcare.org), 1-888-300-8853
  - **Bayada Nurses (South Burlington):** [www.bayada.com](http://www.bayada.com), 1-802-655-7111, 1-800-466-8773
- **In-Home Care, Homemaking and Respite Services**

Private “fee-for-service” help provided in the home is available. Services may include personal care, bathing, toileting, meal preparation, light housekeeping, shopping, respite and more.

For a comprehensive listing of home care provider agencies and their service areas, contact the **Senior HelpLine** at 1-800-642-5119 or email Family Caregiver Support at [basen@cvcoa.org](mailto:basen@cvcoa.org).
- **Vermont Direct Care Registry – “Rewarding Work”.** Rewarding Work is a web-based service at [www.RewardingWork.org](http://www.RewardingWork.org) designed to assist Vermont elders, residents with disabilities of all ages, their families, and parents of children with disabilities to hire their own staff. Through the combination of the Internet and a toll-free telephone number (1-866-9675), Rewarding Work allows consumers to access a comprehensive database of qualified care providers.  
To set up a free account, visit [www.rewardingwork.org/State-Resources/Vermont/Helpful-resources/FAQs.aspx](http://www.rewardingwork.org/State-Resources/Vermont/Helpful-resources/FAQs.aspx), identify CVCOA as the sponsoring area agency, and use access code 346341. Or, call the Senior HelpLine for assistance at 1-800-642-5119
- **Dementia Respite Grants**

**Central Vermont Council on Aging** offers respite grants to family members and other unpaid primary caregivers who are providing day-to-day care in the home 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 home.) Call the **Senior Helpline** at 1-800-642-5119 for more information

## Adult Day Programs

Daytime care to foster independence & well-being while providing caregivers with needed respite. Services include: supervision, personal care, nursing services, socialization, and recreation.

- **Project Independence (Barre):** 1-802-476-3630/ [www.pibarre.org](http://www.pibarre.org)
- **Lamoille Area Adult Day Services (Morrisville):** 1-802-888-7045
- **Gifford Adult Day Program (Bethel):** 1-802-234-2165/ [www.giffordmed.org/AdultDayProgram](http://www.giffordmed.org/AdultDayProgram)
- **Oxbow Senior Independence Program (Newbury):** 1-802-866-5465 / [www.osipads.org](http://www.osipads.org)

## Memory Centers

These centers diagnose age-related memory & thinking disorders and provide treatment including drug therapies, family/patient support & counseling, and referrals to appropriate service agencies.

**Dartmouth Geropsychiatry & Memory Clinic**, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
Hanover, NH 1-603-650-5804  
<http://memorymemos.blogspot.com/p/dartmouth-memory-clinic.html>

**The Memory Center**, Fletcher Allen Health Care  
Colchester, VT 1-802-847-1111  
[http://www.fletcherallen.org/services/elder\\_health/specialties/memory\\_center/](http://www.fletcherallen.org/services/elder_health/specialties/memory_center/)

## 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 **Senior HelpLine** at 800-642-5119, your local home health agency, or [www.dcf.vermont.gov/esd/health\\_insurance/ltc\\_medicaid](http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/esd/health_insurance/ltc_medicaid)

## **Veterans Independence Program**

This new 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 specified level of care. For information, call the **Senior HelpLine** at 1-800-642-5119.

## **Out of Home Placement and Respite Care**

These nursing homes may also provide short-term out of home respite, depending on bed availability.

- **Rowan Court Nursing Home** 378 Prospect St., Barre, VT 05641; 1-802-622-0445
- **Berlin Health and Rehab** 98 Hospitality Dr., Barre, VT 05641; 1-802-229-0308
- **Woodridge Nursing Home** 142 Woodridge Rd, Berlin, VT 05602; 1-800-371-4700

## **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 area of need.

- If you need help locating an attorney, contact the **Vermont Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service** at 1-800-639-7036 or [www.vtbar.org](http://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. 703-942-5711, [www.naela.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.vtlegalaid.org)

## **Additional Resources**

- Eldercare Locator, [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov)
- Caregiver Resource Directory, [www.netofcare.org](http://www.netofcare.org)
- Family Caregiver Alliance, [www.caregiver.org](http://www.caregiver.org)
- National Institute on Aging, [www.nia.nih.gov/HealthInformation](http://www.nia.nih.gov/HealthInformation)
- National Family Caregivers Association, [www.nfcares.org](http://www.nfcares.org)
- National Alliance for Caregiving, [www.caregiving.org](http://www.caregiving.org)
- Vermont Division of Disability and Aging Services, [www.ddas.vermont.gov](http://www.ddas.vermont.gov)
- Vermont Direct Care Worker Registry, [www.rewardingwork.org](http://www.rewardingwork.org)
- Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), [www.vermontelders.org](http://www.vermontelders.org)
- VT Kin as Parents (VKAP), [www.vermontkinasparents.org](http://www.vermontkinasparents.org)
- VT KinshipCare Kids, [www.vermontkinshipcarekids.com](http://www.vermontkinshipcarekids.com)

## **Tips for Caregivers**

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

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