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Agenda

✔ Fellowship Institute Location

✔ CDCI Projects

✔ While in Vermont...

✔ Activities & Connections
  ✔ Inclusive Education (Support Services)
  ✔ Research & Educational Leadership
  ✔ Advocacy & Collaboration

✔ Learning Log

✔ Project Follow-up
Location

Center on Disability and Community Inclusion
Vermont’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
Research, Education, and Service

The University of Vermont
College of Education and Social Services
Projects @ CDCI

Vermont I-Team

BEST: BUILDING EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR TEACHING STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES
Projects @ CDCI... Just some!

The Continence Project at CDCI

Life Histories Project

Think COLLEGE! Vermont

College Options for People with Intellectual Disabilities

evolve plus
While in Vermont

- 10 school visits
  - I-TEAM (6)
  - PBIS (2)
  - Elementary School (2)
    - Differentiated (Arts)
    - Diverse
  - High School (1)
    - Day w/ a Special Educator
- Middlebury (Vermont Symphony Orchestra)
- Waterbury – Stowe
Inclusive Education (Support Services)

- Special Education
- Related Services
- Consultation and mentoring
- Team work and collaboration
- Expertise
- Tools/Assistive Technology
- Multiple practices x different realities x levels of commitment
- Similar challenges
Research and Educational Leadership across Multiple Areas
Advocacy and Collaboration
Inclusion is a great challenge... everywhere!

Building leadership is an crucial aspect to become more consistent (Expertise, Coaching and Mentoring)

A network of supports and collaboration is a must!
- Addressing key areas and actors (Education, Health, Family and Community)
- Policy & Funding
- “Nothing about us, without us”

Specific tools to bridge gaps
- E.g. INCLUDE, PBIS, COACH
Introduction

Explore disability rights and the social history of the disability experience through the voices and experiences of the people who lived it.

http://www.includevt.org/
http://www.pbisvermont.org/
## Project Follow-Up

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Vision for the future

I envision a future in which a consistent network of supports and services is in place in Brazil to serve all students, including those who experience developmental and other disabilities, so that an increasing number of people will enjoy quality education, self-determination, and Inclusion.
I am not alone there!
Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

- Nelson Mandela
Questions?