Community Needs Assessment Feedback

# Purpose

* CDCI makes a new plan every 5 years.
* Our new plan is due Spring 2023.
* We must include needs of people with disabilities and their families.
* We want your advice on how to learn about needs in Vermont.

# Who should we talk with?

**For our last plan we talked with people from many groups:**

* People with disabilities
* Family members
* Service providers
* Green Mountain Self-Advocates
* Vermont Family Network
* Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
* Disability Rights Vermont
* Vermont LEND
* Vermont Center for Independent Living
* Vermont Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health
* Local and state agencies
* Vermont Care Partners
* University of Vermont

**Who else should we talk to this year?**

# What questions should CDCI ask to learn about needs in Vermont?

**For our last plan, we asked:**

* What are the biggest needs of people with disabilities and their families?
* Look at a list of what we do now (list is on last page). Which are most important to you?
* What feedback do you have about the work we do now?
* We want to do more in a several areas. Which are most important to you?
	+ Diversity, equity, and inclusion.
	+ Transition to adulthood.
	+ Health.
	+ Helping partners use data to make decisions and improve services.
* What other things should CDCI do? Our work must help people with disabilities and fit in our four areas: Teaching, research, community services, and sharing resources and stories.

**What other questions should we ask?**

# How should we learn about people’s needs?

**We know we will use:**

* Information that has already been collected.
* Information from other disability organizations.
* Feedback our CAC members have given over the past 5 years.
* Surveys to ask a lot of people to answer a small number of questions.
* Conversations with people and groups to ask for more detail.

**Do you have advice on how CDCI should learn about needs?**

# What do we do with needs that we cannot meet?

* We will learn about needs that we cannot fix.
* What should we do with those?
* How could we share what we learn with others?

# List of work CDCI does now:

* Assistive technology services
* Helping schools include students with disabilities
* Helping professionals collaborate and work together
* Supporting early intervention and early childhood services
* Helping schools improve student behavior
* Improving services for children and youth who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind
* Inclusive and supported employment
* Increasing partnerships between families schools and communities
* Working with self-advocates and family members
* College opportunities for people with disabilities
* Supporting health of people with disabilities
* Supporting independence in toileting
* Sharing the life stories of people with disabilities
* Researching what services and supports help people with disabilities
* Teaching students at UVM about culture and disability