

# UVM DHHDB SCHOOL-AGE CONSULTING PROGRAM TO BECOME “CDCI CARES TEAM”

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We’re writing this morning to let you know about an important change to our program serving students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind (DHHDB) in schools across Vermont.

Moving forward, our program will be known as **The CDCI CARES Team**. Providing **Consultation, Access, Resources, and Equipment Support**, for the educational teams of students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind.

You can reach us via our new email, [cdcicaresteam@uvm.edu](mailto:cdcicaresteam@uvm.edu). And you can find out more about our program via our website, at [go.uvm.edu/cdcicaresteam](http://go.uvm.edu/cdcicaresteam).

A core value of our program is obtaining feedback from the community that we serve. To that end, we are gathering feedback from our advisory council, the students and school teams that we work with, and the larger DHHDB community in changing the name of our program to avoid confusion.

Nothing else about our program has changed.

We offer [a full range of consulting services](#) (.pdf) to educational teams serving students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind in Vermont schools.

We want to make sure that the program values, services, and scope of work of our program are reflected in a name that distinguishes us from other organizations in Vermont. This is especially important for school teams, students, and families in understanding how to access services.

We recognize that the transition of consultation services to a new organization is significant. We want to look for ways to make this a smooth transition for students who are DHHDB, their families, and their educational teams. We agree with the feedback we’ve gotten that this name change will clarify confusion around Vermont programs and services supporting students who are DHHDB.

We at the CDCI CARES Team always want to learn how we can better serve, better collaborate, and better understand the needs of Vermonters who are DHHDB. [We invite you to join our advisory committee or professional working group](#)

Warmly,

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**CDCI CARES TEAM:** Consulting for **Access, Resources, and Equipment Support** for students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind (DHHDB) and their school teams.

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