



Vermont I-Team

Statewide Collaborative Support for Vermont children
and youth who require Intensive Special Education

A program of the Center on Disability and Community Inclusion/UVM

Quick Facts for Families and Guardians

What is the Vermont I-Team?

*The VT I-Team is an **interdisciplinary team** of Educational Consultants, Related Services Consultants and Family Resources Consultants.
(Please see reverse side for more information.)*

What does the I-Team do?

*The VT I-Team provides consultation, technical assistance and training to **IEP teams of students with intensive needs** (including autism spectrum disorders) that are referred for services.*

How does a referral happen?

A referral form must be completed each year by the student's school case manager, and then signed by a school administrator and the student's parent/guardian before services can begin.

Can a family ask for a referral?

School team case managers typically make referrals to the I-Team.

*Families who are interested in I-Team services for their child can ask their school team to make a referral. I-Team services are provided in **partnership** with school/early intervention teams and families.*

What is the role of the Educational and Related Services Consultants?

I-Team Consultants work with the student's team in providing technical assistance and/or training around topics in a variety of areas that include:

- Inclusion
- IEP development
- Assistive technology
- Supporting communication
- Specialized instruction
- Transition planning
- Physical Therapy
- Deaf-blindness/Dual Sensory Impairment
- Occupational Therapy
- Cortical Visual Impairment
- Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports
- Literacy

Please note: *I-Team Regional Educational Consultants work in collaboration with the student's team to assess and determine how to best support the student and team, including support that may be needed from I-Team Related Services Consultants.*

What is the role of the Family Resources Consultant?

Family Resources Consultants are available to assist families in a variety of ways, including:

- Review of the special education process (i.e. IEP, Evaluation Plan & Report, etc.)
- Help with accessing available resources (local, state and national)
- Attending meetings and appointments (when requested)
- Providing information about workshops, trainings and conferences
- Family support from birth to 21, including transition to adulthood

All Family Resources Consultants are parents of a child, youth, or young adult with special needs and have a wealth of knowledge to share with other parents/guardians.

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