

## CARE COORDINATION PLAN

Depending upon your child's and family's needs, your Bridge Program Care Coordination plan might include one or more of these support activities:

- Support to access appropriate school services
- Assistance with linking to mental health services, e.g. psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, behavioral and crisis services.
- Assistance with linking to medical services, e.g. dentist, doctors, specialists, OT, PT, Speech, home health or high tech services, etc.
- Assistance with linking to economic services, e.g. housing, food, fuel assistance, etc.
- Assistance accessing Children's Personal Care Services including directing families to re-sources to find workers.
- Assistance with linking to assistive technology resources and home accessibility modifications.
- Assistance with linking to adult services providers and other resources at transition from high school.
- Assistance with linking to family support resources, e.g. Vermont Family Network, support groups.
- Support to track and coordinate multiple services and supports.
- Support in preparation for meetings with school personnel and/or other professionals.



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## The Bridge Program

### Care Coordination for Children with Developmental Disabilities



## PROGRAM GOALS

The purpose of the Bridge Program is to provide care coordination to assist families of children under age 22 who have developmental disabilities. The service is time-limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

The Bridge Program is goal-driven and designed to:

- Help families determine what supports or services are needed.
- Help families access needed medical, educational, social or other services to address their child's needs.
- Help families coordinate multiple community-based services and develop a Care Coordination Plan to address assessed needs.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the program, your child must:

- Be under age 22 and be eligible for Vermont Medicaid.
- Be eligible for developmental disability services in the state of Vermont.
- NOT receive case management/service coordination/care coordination through another Agency of Human Services source (not including special education case management for school-based services). For example, children who have mental health case management or those who are on the developmental services or TBI waiver are not eligible for the Bridge Program.
- Show a need for help to access or coordinate medical, educational, social or other services.

Continued eligibility will be re-evaluated at least annually.

## BRIDGE CARE COORDINATION

Bridge Program Care Coordination may include:

Assessment of the child to determine needs, the development of a specific Care Coordination Plan, referral to help link your child or family with needed medical, social, educational providers, or other community resources, and follow-up to ensure that the goals of your child's plan are being addressed and meeting his/her identified needs.

In the Bridge Program, a care coordinator will partner with you to develop a Care Coordination Plan with specific goals and a timeframe to achieve them.

