

The Division of Disability and Aging Services is committed to providing useful services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Our goal is to serve families with caring, understanding and support.

To schedule a stay at the St. Albans, Salisbury, or Johnson home, please contact the Division of Disability and Aging Services at 802-241-3543.

To schedule a stay at the Rutland home, please contact Marc Carpenter at 802-775-0828.

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Vermont Statewide Respite Homes

A home away from home for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities.



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State of Vermont Respite Homes— What Are They?

The Division of Disability and Aging Services currently has 4 private respite homes available throughout the state of Vermont. While providing a warm and caring family environment, individuals are provided opportunities to have fun and relaxation during their stay at the home.

Each home provider has experience in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. Some of the home providers also accept individuals who have nursing needs. All ages are welcome, although some of the homes specialize in children's care. This service is provided at no cost, which gives primary caregivers a wonderful opportunity to take a vacation or simply a weekend off, and know that their family member is being well cared for. Best of all, this gives the individual with a disability the chance to experience a break from their day-to-day routine, meet different people, and have fun!



To use any of the respite homes, the individual must have:

- a diagnosed Developmental Disability (according to their IQ score and Adaptive Behavior Assessment) or
- a diagnosis of PDD (Autism) *and* deficits in adaptive behavior or
- complex medical needs which would have previously been served by a pediatric nursing home

Priority is given to people who:

- live at home with their families *and*
- do not have Medicaid waiver services

Please also note that the individual limit is 14 days per year at a respite home. Reservations can be made up to 3 months in advance.



Salisbury, VT
Marilyn Robinson



For more than 20 years, Marilyn Robinson has been a state respite home provider in Addison County. In addition to her extensive experience as both a developmental home and respite home provider, Marilyn is trained as a nurse and maintains her license. Additionally, Marilyn and her husband Paul raised twelve children, so she brings a wealth of experience!

The Robinson's home, nestled in the woods, is fully accessible. Located just outside of Middlebury, Marilyn is well connected to a variety of resources within Addison County to ensure that the needs of individuals are met while staying at the home (including physical and occupational therapy, additional home health needs, etc...)



Rutland, VT
Nancy Driscoll



Nancy Driscoll has a long history with the State of Vermont providing respite care to individuals in her beautiful Rutland home. She is a Registered Nurse and a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, with experience in a variety of settings including being a school nurse. Nancy's love of children is evident in her devotion to provide a positive environment and one-to-one care for individuals with all types of disabilities. She also has a pool in her back yard!

Located in the heart of Rutland, Nancy's home is handicapped accessible, including a handicapped accessible van for those who may require transportation within Rutland County.



St. Albans, VT
Jeannie Johnson



Jeannie Johnson previously worked in a nursing home setting before becoming a state respite home provider. She has been providing respite care within the developmental services system for almost 10 years. Jeannie's formal training is as a licensed practical nurse and she maintains her license. Additionally, Jeannie's wonderful family help make their home a warm and welcoming place to be. Located in St. Albans, Jeannie is easily able to access a wide variety of resources, services and options in the Chittenden and Franklin Counties.



Johnson, VT
Marilyn Bush

As the newest addition to the respite team, Marilyn is excited about welcoming both children and adults into her home in Lamoille County. She has previous experience as a home provider for individuals with disabilities, and offers multiple daily activities for those who prefer a more active lifestyle. Marilyn's inviting home and easy going attitude make this a wonderful place for anyone needing respite care.

(Sorry, a picture of Marilyn was not available at time of publication.)

