

Greater Chester Resource Guide

For any and all emergencies, please call 911



We encourage all individuals and organization to share this guide.

Quick Reference

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Chester Police/ Fire/EMT	911	chestervt.gov/police- department	Non-emergency number: (802) 875-2035
Women's Freedom Center	(802)-885-2368	womensfreedomcenter.net	Domestic/sexual violence support
*Chester Andover Family Center	(802) 875-3236	chester- andoverfamilycenter.org	Food Shelf, Thrift Shop, and Financial Assistance
*Neighborhood Connections	(802) 824-4343	ncvermont.org	Multiple food, housing, and health resources and supports for Windsor and Windham residents. Zero fare transportation assistance.
*SEVCA	(802)722-4575	sevca.org	Multiple food, housing, and health resources and supports for Windsor and Windham residents. Free preschool and preK.
*Senior Solutions	(802)885-2669	seniorsolutionsvt.org	Multiple food, housing, and health resources and supports for Windsor and Windham seniors.
*Vermont Homelessness Alliance	211	helpingtohousevt.org/ vermonts-emergency-shelter- providers/	Resources to assist those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.
*Springfield Area Parent Child Center	(802)-886-5242	sapcc-vt.org	Child and family support services, diaper bank, formula

**-this asterisk indicates an organization that welcomes and encourages volunteers*

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Chester Town Offices and Departments

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Chester Police Department	(802) 875-2035	chestervt.gov/police-department	Call 911 for any and all emergencies
Chester Fire Department	(802) 875-2211	chestervt.gov/fire-department	Call 911 for any and all emergencies
Chester Ambulance	(802) 875-2160	chestervt.gov/ambulance-service	Call 911 for any and all emergencies
Chester Highway Dept.	(802) 875-2737	chestervt.gov/highway-department	
Chester Water Dept.	(802) 875-2173	chestervt.gov/water-department	
Chester Sewer Dept.		chestervt.gov/sewer-department	
Chester Town Office	(802) 875-2173	www.chestervt.gov	Main office handling all municipal business, questions, and concerns

Children / Youth / Family Services

*Springfield Area Parent Child Center	(802)-886-5242	sapcc-vt.org	Child and family support services, diaper bank, formula
*Windsor County Youth Services	(802) 228-6880	wcysvermont.org	Shelter services
VT Dept. of Children and Families	(802) 289-0648	dcf.vermont.gov	Abuse prevention, adoption/foster care, child development, support services
*Winston Prouty Center	(802) 257-7852	winstonprouty.org	Early intervention and child development
*Head Start	(802)460-0144	sevcaheadstart.org	Federally funded preschool/pre-k
*Easter Seals Vermont	(802) 585-6717	eastersealsvt.org	Family support services
*Black River Area Community Coalition		info@braccvt.org	Youth mental health support and substance use prevention
*Chester Teen Center		braccvt.org/teen-center	Safe space for teens, mental well-being, substance abuse prevention
Women's Freedom Center	(802)-885-2368	womensfreedomcenter.net	Domestic/sexual violence support
*Windsor County Mentors	(802) 674-5101	wcmentors.org	Mentorship ages 6–18
Vermont Child Care Financial Assistance	(802) 886-5242	dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/ccfap	Child care assistance
Children's Integrated Services	(802) 886-5242	dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/cis	Family support from prenatal to age 6
Help Me Grow Vermont	2-1-1 ext. 6 or text HMGVT to 898211	helpmegrowvt.org/home	Multiple parent and family resources
Reach Up / Reach Ahead / Vermont MOMS	(800)-479-6151	dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/reachup	Financial assistance for families

Domestic Violence Support and Resources

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Women's Freedom Center	(802)-885-2368	womensfreedomcenter.net	Domestic/sexual violence support

Food Assistance

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
*Chester Andover Family Center Food Shelf	(802) 875-3236	chester-andoverfamilycenter.org	Serving Chester & Andover. Thu 1–7, Fri 10–2 908 VT 103, Chester, VT
*Neighborhood Connections	(802) 824-4343	nvermont.org	Meals on Wheels, community meals 5700 VT Rte 100, Londonderry, VT
*Londonderry Neighbors Pantry	(802) 824-6453		2051 N. Main St, Londonderry. Open 1st & 3rd Fridays
*Black River Good Neighbors	(802)-228-3663	brgn.org	Food shelf & community meals M-F 10-3 by appt. 37B Main Street Rte 103 Ludlow, VT
*Weathersfield Food Shelf	(802) 674-2626	weathersfieldfoodshelf.weebly.com	2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2–4 pm 1862 Route 106, Perkinsville, VT
*Springfield Family Center Food Shelf	(802) 885-3646	springfieldfamilycenter.com	Food shelf by appointment; Lunch M–F 11:30–12:30 130 Springfield Plaza #9, Springfield, VT
*Our Place Drop In	(802)463-2217	ourplacevermont.org	Food shelf by appointment; Breakfast M–F 9:30–10:30; Lunch M–F 11:30–12:30 4 Island Street, Bellows Falls, VT
Food Works	(802)490-2412	groundworksvt.org/programs/foodworks	Food Shelf Open M–F 141 Canal Street Brattleboro, VT
*Senior Solutions Meals on Wheels	(802)465-7293	seniorsolutionsvt.org/resource/meals-on-wheels	Meal delivery service for eligible Vermonters
Vermont Foodbank / Veggie VanGo	(800)585-2265 or 211	vtfoodbank.org/access-food/veggievango	Mobile food pantry, call for locations
3SquaresVT	(800)479-6151	vermontfoodhelp.com	Government-funded food assistance
WIC (Women, Infants, Children)	(802)289-0600	healthvermont.gov/local/springfield/wic-springfield	Nutrition, healthcare, parenting support
Farm to Family Program	(802) 460-1553	sevca.org/farm-to-family	Helping eligible households access fresh produce from participating farmers' markets.

Emergency Shelter

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Vermont Homelessness Alliance	211	helpingtohousevt.org/vermonts-emergency-shelter-providers/	Resources to assist those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Heating / Fuel / Energy Assistance

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
*Chester Andover Family Center	(802)875-3236	chester-andoverfamilycenter.org	Fuel and Financial Assistance for Chester and Andover Residents
*Springfield Regional Parent Child Center	(802)886-5242	sapcc-vt.org	Referrals & family supports
*Neighborhood Connections	(802)824-4343	ncvermont.org	Navigation & assistance
SEVCA	(802)722-4575	sevca.org	Fuel & energy assistance programs

Clothing / Furniture / Household Goods

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
*Chester Andover Family Center Thrift Shop	(802)875-3236	chester-andoverfamilycenter.org	Affordable clothing, shoes, household goods 908 VT 103, Chester, VT
*West River Community Project	(802) 874-4800	westtownshend.org/thrift-store	Thrift store at West Townshend Country Store 6573 VT-30, West Townshend, VT
*Springfield Regional Parent Child Center	(802)886-5242	sapcc-vt.org	Clothing by appt. 130 Springfield Plaza #9, Springfield, VT
*Black River Good Neighbor Thrift Store	(802) 228-3663	brgn.org/locations	37B Main Street (Rt 103), Ludlow, VT. Monday-Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM
*Thrive Thrift Store and Community Resource	(802)591-7737	thrivethrift.org	Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, 5087 Route 5, Unit C Ascutney, VT

Employment Assistance

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
VT Dept. of Labor	(802) 828-4000	labor.vermont.gov	Employment assistance
HireAbility VT	(802)289-0567	hireabilityvt.com	Supports disabled Vermonters seeking work
Vermont Works for Women	(802)655-8900	vtworksforwomen.org	Supports women and youth in learning and career; gender equity
ICAN		dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/ican	Employment assistance

Education

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
SEVCA Head Start	(802)674-8419	sevcaheadstart.org/	Federally funded preschool/pre-k
Whiting Library	(802)875-2277	WhitingLibrary.org	Chester's public library
Chester Andover Elementary School	(802)875-2108	caes.trsu.org	Grades K–6
Green Mountain Union High School	(802)875-2146	gmuhs.trsu.org	Grades 7–12
Twin Rivers Supervisory Union	(802)875-3365	trsu.org/home	Covers Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly
Vermont Adult Learning	(802) 546-0880	vtadultlearning.org	Education and employment help for adults and ELL
Vermont Agency of Education	(802) 828-1130	education.vermont.gov	Education supports for all ages
VT Student Assistance Corp (VSAC)	(800) 642-3177	vsac.org	Helps students save, plan, and pay for college/ career training
Springfield Area Parent Child Center	(802)886-5242	sapcc-vt.org	Playworks child care and preschool

Housing / Rental Assistance

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Springfield Housing Authority		springfieldhousingauthorityvt.org	Support in finding safe, affordable, stable housing in Springfield area.
Vermont State Housing Authority		vsha.org	Housing assistance state wide.
Windsor & Windham Housing Trust	(888) 294-9948	homemattershere.org/contact	Resources and support for safe, stable, affordable housing solutions in Windsor and Windham counties
Homeshare Vermont	(802) 863-5625	homesharevermont.org	Resources and support for those looking to share living spaces to increase affordability and mutual benefit
SEVCA	(802)722-4575	sevca.org	Assistance in finding housing resources
Vermont Legal Aid – Housing	(800)889-2047	vtlawhelp.org/housing	Legal aid related to home ownership, rental status, housing insecurity, at risk housing and homelessness

Healthcare

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Grace Cottage	(802)365-7357	gracecottage.org	LGBTQIA+ affirming, aging care, gender affirming care, ER, Rehab, Inpatient
Springfield Hospital	(802)885-2151	springfieldhospital.org	ER, Rehab, Inpatient
Mt. Ascutney	(802)674-6711	mtascutneyhospital.org	ER, Rehab, Inpatient
North Star Health	(802)885-7604	northstarfqhc.org	Community healthcare; financial assistance available
Help Me Grow Vermont	2-1-1 ext. 6 or text HMGVT to 898211	helpmegrowvt.org/home	Health resources for parents/families
Vermont Department of Health	(802)863-7200	healthvermont.gov	Multiple health and wellness resources
Springfield Office of VT Dept. of Health	(802)289-0600	healthvermont.gov/local/springfield	Regional health resources
Windsor Resource Center	(802)674-2900	mtascutneyhospital.org/centers-programs/windsor-resource-center	Multiple health and wellness resources
Chester Dental Clinic	(802)875-2878	northstarfqhc.org/chester-dental-center/	Low to no cost dental services for all ages and stages. Financial assistance.
Vermont Health Connect	(855)899-9600	info.healthconnect.vermont.gov	Vermont's health insurance marketplace
Senior Solutions	(802)885-2669	seniorsolutionsvt.org	Health and caregiver supports for seniors
Neighborhood Connections	(802)824-4343	ncvermont.org	Health and wellness supports for seniors and caregivers

Transportation Services

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Neighborhood Connections	(802)824-4343	ncvermont.org	Mountain Town Connector no cost on demand rides and group trips
Moover	(802)460-7433	moover.com	Southern Vermont's fare free public transit
Community Cares Network of Chester/ Andover Inc	(802)875-6341		Details pending

Senior Services

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Senior Solutions	(802)885-2669	seniorsolutionsvt.org	Benefits counseling, Meals on Wheels, caregiver support
Neighborhood Connections	(802)824-4343	nvermont.org	Care coordination & wellness programs
Community Cares Network Chester/Andover	(802)875-6341		Volunteer rides, neighbor support
Vermont Department of Aging	(802) 241-2401	dail.vermont.gov	State aging services & info

Disabilities & Rehabilitative Services

Vermont Family Network	(802)876-5315	vermontfamilynetwork.org	Resources for families of individuals with disabilities.
Vermont Center for Independent Living	(802)229-0501	vcil.org	Resources and support for disabled Vermonters to live in their homes and communities of their choosing, with dignity and support.
Senior Solutions	(802)885-2669	seniorsolutionsvt.org	Assistance in independent living in one's community regardless of age or ability.
Disability Rights Vermont	(802)229-1355	disabilityrightsvt.org	Provides resources and guidance regarding the legal rights of Vermonters with disabilities
HireAbility VT	(802)289-0567	hireabilityvt.com	Assists disabled Vermonters with disabilities find and maintain employment
Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights	(800)639-1522	vcdcr.org	Coalition dedicated to protecting and advancing the human and civil rights of people with disabilities
Vermont Disability Law Project	(800)889-2047	vtlawhelp.org/client-assistance-program	A branch of VT Legal Aid that helps disabled people with legal issues relating to their disability.
Memory Café	(802)885-2669	seniorsolutionsvt.org/services/caregiver-support/	A safe place for individuals experiencing memory loss to socialize, snack, and connect.

Veterinary Care

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
Vermont Spay and Neuter Program	(802) 241-0589	dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/vsnip	Low cost spay/neuter program for those who qualify

Mental Health / Counseling / Recovery Services

Senior Solutions	(802)885-2669	seniorsolutionsvt.org	Connections to counseling & supports
Women's Freedom Center	(802)885-2368	womensfreedomcenter.net	Support groups & counseling
Alcoholics Anonymous	(802)828-2288	aavt.org	Peer support for alcohol recovery
Green Mountain Area Narcotics Anonymous	(802)265-6414	gmana.org	Peer support for substance recovery
Greater Falls Connections	(802)463-9927 ext. 212	greaterfallsconnections.com	Prevention & counseling connections
Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield (VT)	(802) 885-4668	spfldtp.org	Recovery support services

Legal Services & Restorative Justice

Agency	Phone	Website	Info
SEVCA	(802)722-4575	sevca.org	Multiple community resources
Women's Freedom Center	(802)885-2368	womensfreedomcenter.net	Support & advocacy involving domestic/sexual violence
Greater Falls Community Justice Center	(802)376-6998	greaterfallscjc.org	Restorative justice services
Vermont Legal Aid Society	(802)885-5181	vtlegalaid.org	Legal assistance
Vermont Disability Law Project	(800)889-2047	vtlawhelp.org/client-assistance-program	Disability-related legal support