

# HCRS

**T**HE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DS) DIVISION provides comprehensive support for individuals with developmental disabilities—those assessed to be intellectually disabled and those diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The goals of DS are to preserve the family/community component of care, and to ensure that individuals have opportunities and freedom to choose their own communities, to pursue their own interests and abilities, and to become as independent as possible.



*"What is best about HCRS are the people/staff who under all circumstances try to put the clients first."*

*– DS Client*



## DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

### HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

is a private, nonprofit community mental health and developmental services center serving residents of Windham and Windsor counties.

**OUR MISSION** is to provide creative, collaborative, and compassionate health care services that are responsive to the needs of our communities.

**WE ENVISION** a community where people are inspired, empowered, and supported to lead healthy and meaningful lives.



To Access Services

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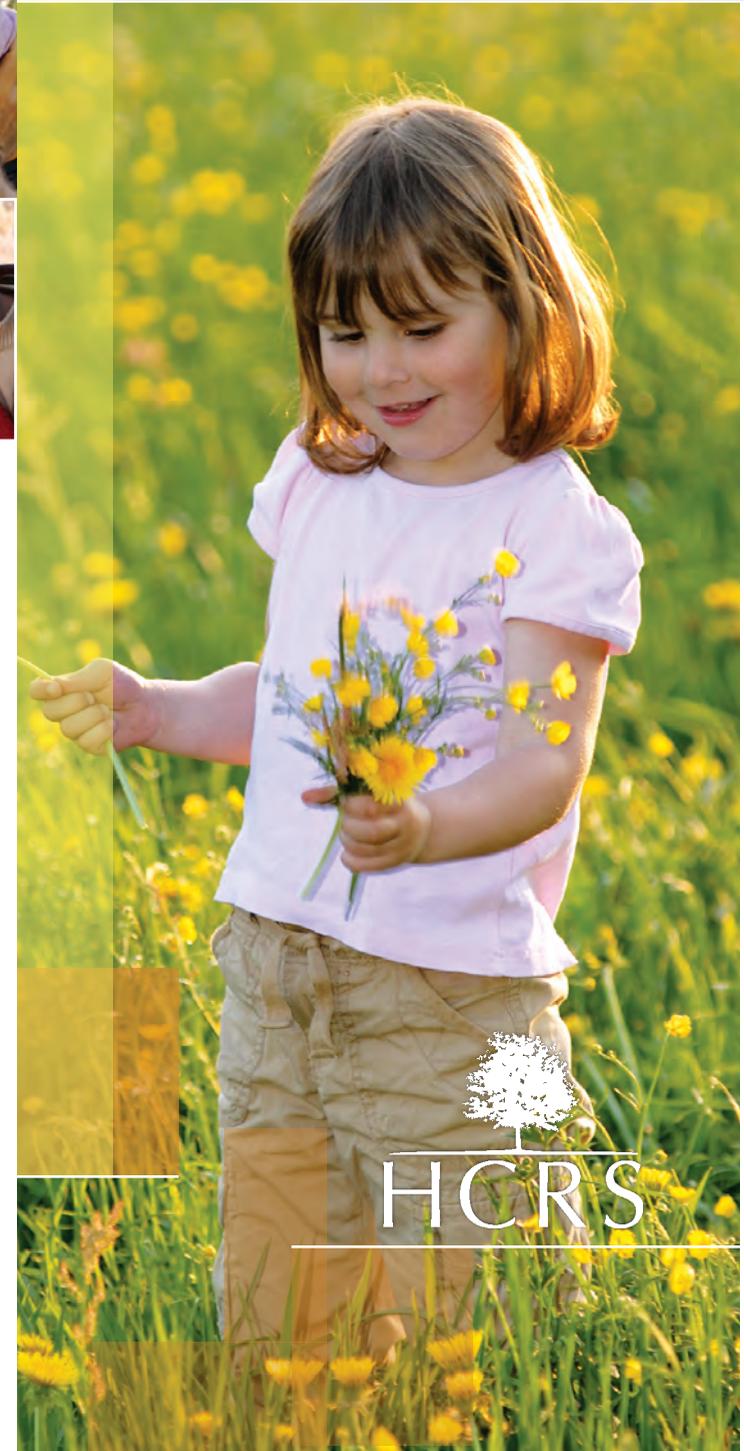
Brattleboro area: 855.220.9428

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## THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

staff work with clients in the community to help them realize their full potential and become as independent as possible. Staff members coordinate services, oversee each client's individual needs, and support residential providers in caring for the clients under their supervision. They administer assessments, serve as family resources and client advocates, assist clients in obtaining job training and jobs, and regularly volunteer to support community activities.



*"The opportunities and relationships that she has developed through the DS program at HCRS are incredible. We've worked with so many great people—staff and clients alike."  
— Guardian*

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## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES

Those eligible for Developmental Services at HCRS have been determined, based on specific tests and assessments, to have an intellectual disability or a Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD or Autism Spectrum Disorder). They may also need support in social/behavioral skills such as those required for living independently, communicating adequately, interacting socially, and functioning academically.

## PERSON-CENTERED THINKING

Person-centered thinking is a set of values, skills, and tools used in Developmental Services to support each person having positive control over their own life.

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

For generations, people considered developmentally disabled were set apart from their communities in large institutions and denied most personal rights. Vermont completed its transition to more humane community settings for this population in 1993, and the Shared Living Provider form of care has become the primary model of care in the State. Shared Living Providers meet clients' special care needs, help them integrate into the community, and afford them opportunities for growth and development in emotional, social, and practical skills, decision making, and independent living.

## OPERATION KIDS

Children and youth who may have a developmental disability access services through Operation Kids – a collaboration between our Children's Mental Health and Developmental Services programs. Developmental Services for children include: case management, respite care, and clinical mental health services. In addition, case managers and service coordinators provide families with resources, advocacy, and assistance with educational or behavioral plans.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The HCRS Supported Employment Program assists developmentally disabled clients to obtain and maintain employment in the community. Working with area businesses and individual clients, staff promote work, social interaction, and community integration through services such as work assessment, on-the-job training, and job coaching.

## SAFE TEAM

The SAFE Team provides crisis support to anyone who has been found eligible for Developmental Services in Windsor and Windham Counties.

