



## VISION

All individuals and families in Vermont will have barrier-free access to quality information about health care, social services and other community programs.

## MISSION

The purpose of Vermont AIRS is to support professionals who provide information and referral (I&R) and information and assistance (I&A) services through training, advocacy and networking.

## MEMBERSHIP

Beginning in 2006, AIRS now has a single membership structure for both national AIRS and the State Affiliate, whereby an individual, agency or organization will join both associations at a level that best meets their individual needs. Your single AIRS membership includes membership in your state Affiliate, Vermont AIRS.

## BENEFITS OF VERMONT AIRS MEMBERSHIP

- Regular opportunities for networking in the field of I&R in Vermont
- Discounts at Vermont AIRS training events
- Notices of workshops, training conferences and meetings of interest
- Voting privileges
- Annual directory of members

### Vermont AIRS Members 2008

Area Agency on Aging for NE VT  
Bennington County Child Care Association  
Brain Injury Association of Vermont  
Central Vermont Council on Aging  
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging  
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity  
Child Care Project  
Child Care Resource  
Community Access Program  
Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont  
Family Center of Washington County  
HowardCenter  
Mary Johnson Children's Center  
Sharon Tierra  
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging  
Springfield Area Parent Child Center  
The Lamoille Family Center  
United Ways of Vermont/Vermont 2-1-1  
Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services  
Vermont Center for Independent Living  
Vermont Division of Disability and Aging Services  
Windham Child Care

(As of April 2008)

## TRAINING

Vermont AIRS hosts an annual spring training conference and collaborates with AIRS and other Affiliates to ensure that our members have regional and national opportunities for professional development, training and support.

## CERTIFICATION

Certified Information & Referral Specialist (CIRS), Certified Information and Referral Specialist – Aging (CIRS-A), and Certified Resource Specialist (CRS) are professional credentials awarded internationally by the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems to individuals who successfully complete the AIRS Certification Program. Certification is an acknowledgment of demonstrated competence in the field of I&R.

The AIRS Certification Program identifies specific competencies and related performance criteria, which describe the knowledge, skills, attitudes and work-related behaviors needed by I&R/A specialists.

Vermont AIRS hosts the AIRS certification exams annually. AIRS certification exams are also offered at the New England I&R Training Conference, AIRS National Conference, and other locations nationwide throughout the year.

For more information, visit the AIRS website at [www.airs.org](http://www.airs.org) and click on Certification.

Established August 17, 2000,  
Vermont Alliance of  
Information & Referral Services  
(Vermont AIRS) is a statewide  
association of public and  
private organizations  
and individuals committed  
to the provision of accessible  
quality information and referral  
services in the State of Vermont.

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***Vermont AIRS is the***

***Vermont affiliate of AIRS,***

The Alliance of Information & Referral  
Systems

## **AIRS**

Information and Referral

### **BILL OF RIGHTS**

The Alliance of Information and  
Referral Systems (AIRS) supports  
practices that respect everyone's  
right to:

- Anonymous access to  
information;
- Assistance based on the  
consumer's personal value  
system;
- Services provided with respect  
and cultural sensitivity;
- Self-determination;
- The opportunity to access the  
services of choice;
- Accurate and comprehensive  
information about services.



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### **Vermont AIRS**

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Vermont Alliance of  
Information & Referral Services  
supports professionals  
who provide  
information & referral and  
information & assistance services  
through training, advocacy,  
and networking.

Information and Referral (I&R) is the art,  
science and practice of bringing people and  
services together. I&R is an integral part of  
the overall human services sector.