How do we pay for it?

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Supports in Vermont

- Training for Child Protection
- Training for Parents
- Peer Navigators
- Parenting Skills Assessment
- Communicating Support
- Developmental Service Priority
Two strongest sources of funding

- **CMS:** Medicaid Waivers

- **ADD:** Projects of National Significance (Family Support); UCEDD, DD Council, Protection and Advocacy (Disability Rights)
System of Care Priority for Developmental Services for Strengthening Parenting Skills
- Can extend as long as the need persists and funding is available and a priority
- Services intended for the adult, not the child, but should be able to demonstrate a skill with the child, in the act of teaching
- Requires state match
- Creative residential options using SSI/SSDI for room and board
ADD Programs

- Time-limited grant programs
- Must fit DD Act
- Must fit 5-year plan for each program
- Role for advocacy/education
Communication Support Project: Creative funding over time

- At beginning, funded by donations in memory of the parent who started it
- Grant from DD Council; in-kind from Defender General’s Office and later from UCEDD
- DOJ grant—Congressional Earmark
- Disability Rights VT, plus some funding through Global Commitment (CMS)
Competence-based Parenting Skills Assessments—many sources of $$

- CMS—Medicaid Waiver of parent
- Defender General’s Office—Public Defenders
- DCF—Child Protection
- Public Guardians (using $$ from Global Commitment)
- AHS Field Director (using $$ from GC)
- Private funding
Training for Child Protection

- ADD Family Support grant
- In-kind from AHS
- Title IVe funds (in training plan for state, but need to work through University)
Training for parents

- Collaboration with Prevent Child Abuse VT
- Collaboration with Easter Seals
Peer Navigation

- ADD—Family Support grant
- Cost too great to sustain with Global Commitment $$ on first attempt
- Will keep trying...for 6 years had the only data in the state on parents w/disabilities and custody status
Strategies to get funding for parents with disabilities

- Including their needs in reauthorization of DD Act
- On a state level, getting their needs included in 5-year plans for DD Act programs
- If not in 5-year plans, how can they fit into existing priorities?
- Keep Medicaid funding solid, and keep System of Care Plan Priority (work with larger AHS goals)
Other sources to explore

- MCH funding—collaboration with LEND programs
- Private foundation grants
- DOJ funding
- Collaboration with Child Protection
- Collaboration with Visiting Nurses