

# Vermont Pathways to Partnerships

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*"Alone we  
can do so  
little;  
together  
we can do  
so much"* -  
Helen Keller

# What is VT Pathways to Partnership (P2P)

P2P is an opportunity to:

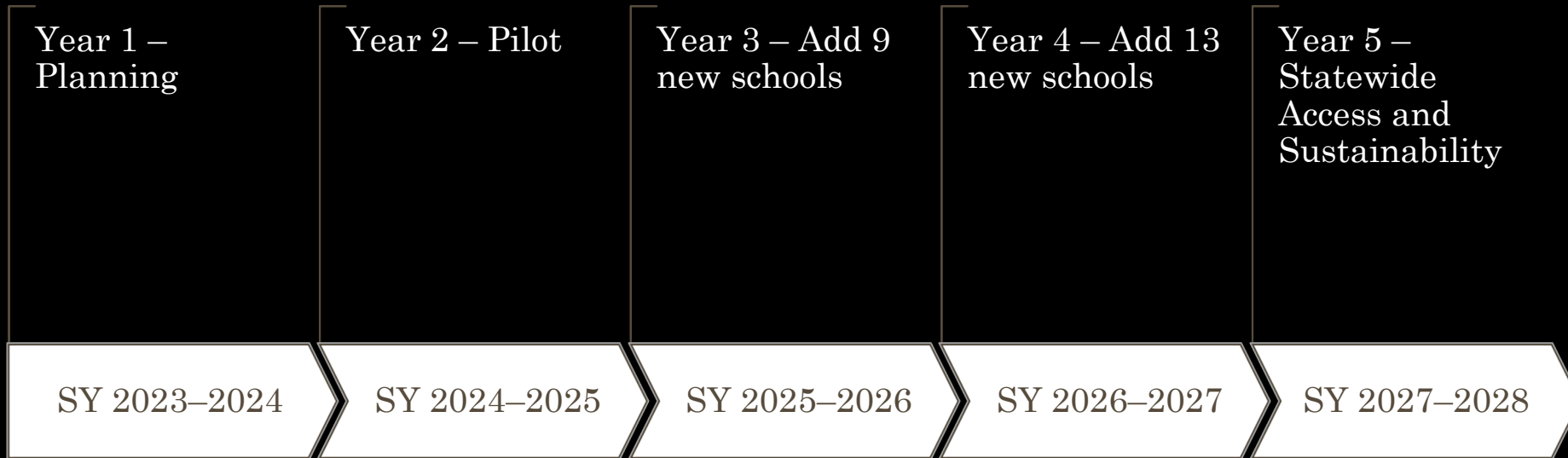
- Create stronger transitional plans for students with disabilities through partnerships between schools and community agencies.
- Enhance the work that is already happening across the state in schools and agencies.
- Create new opportunities and access to self-advocacy trainings, independent living workshops, peer to peer mentorships, employment and career counseling workshops, and work-based learning experiences for students with disabilities and their families.

Vermont has an amazing opportunity to create meaningful partnerships and training for students and schools to enhance post-school success.

# Who are we partnering with?

- Agency of Education
- Vermont schools
- Vermont Center for Independent Living
- Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (P2P Lead Agency)
- HireAbility
- Green Mountain Self Advocates
- Vermont Family Network
- ReSource
- Learn, Earn, and Prosper (LEAP)
- Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
- UVM Center on Disability and Community Inclusion
- Educational Services Program for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind Students at UVMCC

# Planning Year, Pilot Year, and Statewide Scale-Up and Implementation(Yr. 3-5)



# Year 1 – Planning (SY 2023 – 2024)

- Collect baseline data and plan for the pilot year. Create communications systems and create opportunities for Partners to learn about Partners.

# Year 2 – Pilot (SY 2024 – 2025)

- The three LEAs have committed to the VT-P2P model and were selected based on
  - strong relationships with the Vermont Agency of Education;
  - a demonstrated commitment to improving transition supports for students;
  - high levels of compliance with transition indicators.

# Statewide Scale-Up and Implementation(Yr. 3-5)

## Year 3 – Add 9 new schools (SY 2025 – 2026)

- Nine new schools will be selected who are struggling to meet compliance with transition and postsecondary outcomes and represent underserved regions (due to racial and ethnic diversity and rural locations).
- The Steering Committee will refine and implement the project website and create a sustainability plan, with data informing necessary adjustments.
- VT-P2P Leadership Team and Steering Committee will assess the results of the mapping, website, and the three pilot sites, including data collection and evaluation, to determine whether components of the pilot produced the expected results as planned or will need to be altered prior to the implementation of the proposed project.

## Year 4 – Add 13 new schools (SY 2026– 2027)

- Ongoing evaluation data and additional resources will guide the scaling up process.
- Community conversations and participant feedback will inform statewide access to activities, services, and resources.
- It is anticipated adding 13 new LEAs in Year 4 including targeted monitoring schools and selected districts from rural and diverse communities, totaling 25 LEAs.

# Statewide Scale-Up and Implementation(Yr. 3-5)

## Year 5 – Statewide Access and Sustainability (SY 2027 – 2028)

- Ongoing evaluation data will inform resource allocation and scaling up efforts to achieve 80%- 100% participation of Vermont school districts in VT-P2P activities.
- Formative and summative evaluations will guide the integration of project practices into permanent practice.



# VT-P2P Communication & Connections

- **VT-P2P Leadership Team:** Includes all partners and meets quarterly to provide advisement on the project. During Year 1, the Leadership Team will identify self-advocates and employers to serve on this team for the entirety of the project. VT-P2P partners are committed to having 50% of the Leadership Team be composed of self-advocates and/or family members.
- **VT-P2P Steering Committee:** Meets monthly to direct implementation of project activities, review evaluation findings, and make day to day decisions. The Steering Committee will include the required entities (DBVI, Hire Ability, AOE, VCIL, LEAs), advocacy groups (GMSA, VFN, VTDDC), the evaluator (CDCI), and other partners responsible for direct implementation and oversight of VT-P2P activities.

# Finally, we covered VT-P2P Communication and Connections:

- Key points:
  - VT-P2P Partners and LEAs will have a shared vision and strong interagency relationships.
  - VT-P2P will integrate the work of partner organizations and build a structure of accountability that engages partners in continuous quality improvement
  - Organized into a broad Leadership Team which encompasses all key partners who will meet quarterly and a smaller Steering Committee that will meet monthly.

# Questions for the VT- P2P Team?

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