

# COVID-19 Response

VCP successfully advocated for one-time funds to hire 10 case managers – one in each region – to support COVID-related needs of Vermonters, especially housing and basic necessities for those who were temporarily sheltered. Services included weekly outreach at motel sites to proactively provide unhoused Vermonters with mental health supports and coordinate access to needed social services.

VCP also successfully advocated for \$4 million in ARPA funds to be invested in residential and other facilities to meet the physical and mental health needs of Vermonters.



WCMHS Executive Director Mary Moulton at the unveiling of the Tiny Homes Project in Barre.

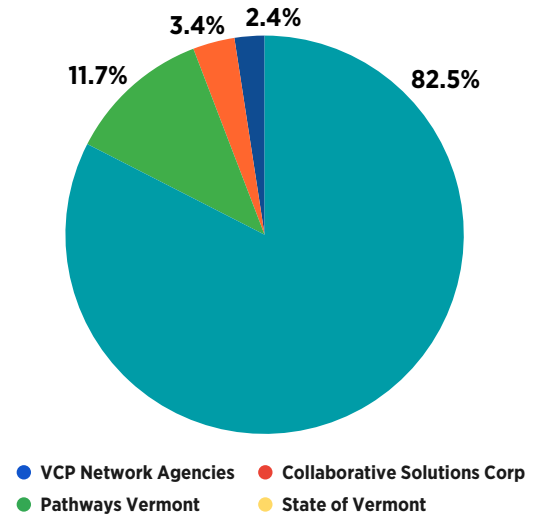
**In Partnership with Vermont Legal Aid, VCP received grant funds to support clients in accessing legal consultation for reasonable accommodations for their symptoms of mental illness to prevent destabilizing housing.**

# Supporting Housing for People with Mental Health Challenges



With a shortage of permanent or temporary housing resources and skyrocketing rents, Vermont is an increasingly hard state for people with serious mental illness to successfully find and maintain housing. Network agencies work closely with housing authorities, landlords, and other service providers to support clients in maintaining housing. In addition, agencies provide crisis, transitional, and residential care for hundreds of Vermonters every year using [evidence-based practices](#).

## Network Agencies Provide 170 Residential Beds in Vermont's System of Care



## VCP network agencies operated approximately 170 of the 206 adult residential beds available in Vermont's public mental health system

- 337 Vermonters benefited from network agency residential programs in FY21
- Agencies operated 36 of 38 adult mental health crisis beds and all 18 youth crisis beds, meeting the crisis needs of 512 Vermonters in FY21.

Network agencies and other community partners supported 156 Vermonters in accessing Housing Subsidy and Care through the Vermont Department of Mental Health, with only 7 Vermonters exiting subsidy and only two of those with negative outcomes. 40% of the Vermonters who have been served in the program since its inception in 2011 were chronically homeless prior to receiving the subsidy.



HCRS's Woolson Block Supported Housing Program in Springfield.