



**Report to The Vermont Legislature
on Developmental Services**

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In Accordance with 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government, Section E.329. INTERIM REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND CHOICES FOR CARE

(a) The Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall provide interim reports to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September 2015 and November 2015 on:

(2) The Development Disabilities Services program on the status of caseload and utilization trends to date in the program.

(b) Reports from the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services and the Vermont Council of Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Services with input from their service recipients shall be accepted by the Joint Fiscal Committee concurrent with the reports received under subsection (a) of this section.

Submitted to: Senator Jane Kitchel, Chair
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The Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services concurs with the report of the Agency of Human Services on Developmental Disabilities regarding funding of new caseload. Originally, there was concern that there was not going to be sufficient funds to cover demand. Fortunately, due to 2015 carry forward and given the initial trends for utilization of these funds, it appears that the funding may be sufficient and not require rescissions from services to existing consumers or other measures that could impact individuals in need of or receiving the services. In the future the Green Mountain Self Advocates would like to further explore the question of whether individual needs are being fully met with the new administrators of the program. This could be a collaborative process with providers, consumers and other stakeholders.