

I am writing to ask your support for Vermont's adult day programs. The First Quarter Budget for SFY 2021 does not include adult day services. CarePartners Adult Day Center has been closed since March 19, 2020 due to COVID. The impact of our closure on our 65+ participants and their caregivers has been significant.

Our adult day program:

1. Provides essential relief from the stress of balancing work and other family obligations.
2. Provides health and wellness services, such as blood pressure checks, medication administration and management, nursing assessment and oversight, daily exercise, mental stimulation, nutritious meals, and behavior management.

For the past month, CarePartners has provided virtual adult day services for our participants. Our staff has been able to monitoring participants' multiple, chronic health conditions. We have assisted participants in accessing essential items and resources. Our activity kits and online/phone activities have decreased social isolation. When funding runs out later this month, we will be unable to continue these efforts. What will happen to our participants who are already struggling with the pandemic?

Vermont's adult day programs need stabilization funding to help ensure our centers are an available resource after this crisis abates. Thank you for your support.

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