

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
SUMMARY REPORT

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Data for our FY'13 (Oct. 2012-Sept.2013) show VCIL responded to over **2,218** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **310** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **10** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **11** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **173** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 47 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **164** individuals with information on assistive technology; 40 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **428** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '13, **2** residents of **Waitsfield** received services from the following programs:

- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(over \$1,500.00 spent on meals for residents)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

