

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

FY 2016



Introducing our new First Call for Chittenden County Team

PLUS 2016 CALENDAR YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Our Mission

Howard Center improves the well-being of children, adults, families, and communities.

Our History

Howard Center has a long and rich history as a trusted provider in our community. With a legacy spanning 150 years, Howard Center has been leading the charge for progressive, compassionate, high quality care and treatment for those members of our community in need. Founded in 1865 as an agency serving the children of the destitute, it now offers life-saving professional crisis and counseling services to children and adults; therapeutic interventions and education programs for children with emotional and behavioral issues; supportive services to individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities who need help with education, employment, and life maintenance skills; and counseling and medical services for adults struggling with substance use and mental health issues.

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Bob Bick, Chief Executive Officer



Gail Stevenson,
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Dear Friends,

Once again we are pleased to provide you with an annual report that summarizes the remarkable range, depth, and personal impact of services and supports provided by Howard Center, this time for our 2016 fiscal year. In the service of our mission to improve the well-being of children, adults, families, and communities our 1,500 staff supported more than 16,000 people across 50 programs, many operating 24 hours a day, in over 60 locations. The data and graphics in this report highlight our intentional commitment to quality, successful outcomes, and economic accountability.

We are rightfully proud of all that we do. However, healthcare and social services systems are and will be undergoing seismic changes. This means that continued responsiveness to those we serve requires better program and economic information so that we can manage better and more nimbly. After years of inadequate funding, we must do more to build a sustainable business model to position us to offer the programs and supports that will meet the growing and increasingly complex challenges we are and will be asked to address. We hope you find this report informative, the client stories inspiring, and, when all is said and done, you have a greater appreciation for the critical role that Howard Center plays in the health and well-being of our community.

With gratitude for your interest and support,



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60+
Howard Center locations

1,500
Howard Center employees

24/7/365

When we provide service

8,467*

Clients served in fiscal year 2016

* These numbers do not include an estimated 8,000 individuals who receive support and services (particularly crisis services) without officially enrolling as clients.

Who We Help

Ages 0 - 5 **376**

Ages 6 - 12 **1.004**

Ages 13 - 17 **1.034**

Ages 18 - 24 **1.064**

Ages 25 - 59 **4.317**

60 and over

467

Not known

6

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How We Help

New clients

1,815

Clients receiving multiple services

2.150

Crisis Services

2,476

Outpatient Services

3,117

Medication Assisted
Treatment

1.156

Please note: These numbers may contain a duplicate count as clients may receive more than one type of service.

Residential Services

699

School Based Services

1,317

Community Based Support

2,096

Employment Programs

493

Help is Here for Dawa



"I still miss my friends and family very much, but my mother and I are making new friends, and having a job I like really helps."

Dawa

To protect client confidentiality, the descriptions included here represent a composite of clients.

Dawa arrived in Vermont with his mother five years ago, directly from a refugee camp in Bhutan. His father and younger sister both died prior to making the trip. Life has been hard - they have experienced more grief and trauma than some experience in a lifetime. Losing their family, friends, and community; living in extremely difficult conditions in the camp; and making an immense cultural transition has been challenging. They have both received mental health counseling and support from Howard Center, and Dawa receives Project Hire employment services so that he can work 20 hours a week.

Here in Vermont, Dawa and his mother are making their way. They have found peace, hope, and help, both in their community and from Howard Center.

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Help is Here for Amber



"Without this program, I wouldn't have my life back." Amber

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Amber, a 35-year-old with a young son, is a professional woman who receives medication assisted treatment at the Chittenden Clinic. During her active heroin use, the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) removed her son Sam from the home. Three years into her recovery, Amber was reunited with Sam. Their life is not always easy, but Sam is in kindergarten and play therapy, and they have established a regular schedule, routine, and family life. Through employment and volunteer work, Amber has been able to give back to the community, sharing her story to help others who are struggling with addiction and advocating in the Vermont Legislature for recovery programs.

How We Are Doing

I received the help I needed.

93%

The services I received were right for me.

92%

Staff treated me with respect.

95%

The services I received made a difference.

93%

My/Our quality of life improved.

90%

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New Crisis Service

First Call FOR CHITTENDEN COUNTY

802-488-7777

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In an effort to better serve Chittenden County residents, we introduced a new crisis program:

First Call for Chittenden County

(FCCC). The new program integrates two of our existing crisis services—First Call for Children and Families and Adult Mobile Crisis. The 24/7/365 crisis line is for Chittenden County residents of all ages who are experiencing a crisis. The Developmental Services Crisis Team will join FCCC in 2017.

As in the past, each caller defines the crisis. Based on the specific needs of the caller, our First Call clinicians offer a variety of assistance, including phone support, intervention, in-person assessment, and referrals. In addition, First Call for Chittenden County responds when there is a community tragedy and provides suicide prevention training.

Crisis services for everyone ONE TEAM • ONE NUMBER

Help is Here for Ted

Ted has been hospitalized several times due to the voices he hears. Every day, he stops by Westview House for lunch. These visits help Ted to remain stable, connected to people, and in recovery.

Howard Center's Westview House is a member run house (one of the first of its kind in the country) where people living with various psychiatric challenges come for a healthy meal, social connection, and to work part-time, including sharing in the responsibility for cooking, house chores, and organizing activities. As coordinator, Valerie Koropatnick says, "It's a place to belong — a place to be needed, wanted, and expected."



"Sometimes lunch is my only home-cooked meal. My daily visit to Westview helps me stay connected to people and gives me purpose every day. We're like family here."

— Ted

Marcel and Carol Bolduc

Barbara Booth

Niles and Joy Bora

Thomas Bostwick*

Denise Bora

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Thank you board members and volunteers.



Kathy Connolly, Howard Center Board of Trustee since 1999

"Howard Center has given my son the gift of hope and given our family the ability to know the beautiful person he is."

-KATHY CONNOLLY



When Kathy's son was diagnosed with a mental health disorder at a young age, she turned to Howard Center's First Call program to get the support and resources she and her family needed. Now a current board member, Kathy is an enthusiastic ambassador for others seeking assistance.



Mike's first introduction to Howard Center was as a real estate broker, helping the agency find available locations to expand its offices. A short time later, he joined the Board. He says, "Most people want to add value, and it's gratifying to discover that you are able to make a difference."



Mike Simoneau, Howard Center Board of Trustee since 2004

"We are definitely an organization that people can contribute their time and talents to and know that they are making a lasting contribution."

-MIKE SIMONEAU

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Karen Allen, Zoe's Race sponsor and volunteer

"We're changing people's lives by making everyday tasks a bit easier and helping people become more independent."

-KAREN ALLEN

Karen has been a Zoe's Race sponsor and volunteer since the Race began in 2009. The annual event raises money for Howard Center families who need assistance making accessibility modifications to their homes. "I love the Race because we came up with a grass roots event which a large part of our community supports. In addition to the Race participants and sponsors, several architects, builders, and contractors all contribute to the remodeling projects," says Karen.



As members of the Green Mountain Curling Club, Mike and Connie have contributed hundreds of hours—many of them on the ice—to Howard Center's annual Curling Challenge fundraiser. To say we couldn't do it without them is not an exaggeration. They—and their club members—provide volunteers, equipment, expertise, and enthusiasm.



Mike Sitko and Connie Dollinger, Curling Challenge co-directors and volunteers

"I have learned how involved Howard Center is in so many areas of our community. I was unaware of all the services Howard Center provided."

-CONNIE DOLLINGER

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2016 Program Highlights



Durga Dhakal, Uli Schygulla, and Jas Wheeler in the Act 1/Bridge office on Pearl Street.

ACT 1/Bridge

ACT 1 operates 24/7/365 and provides information, referrals, screenings, and assessments for individuals of all ages who are or are suspected to be incapacitated due to alcohol or other drugs.

413

Clients served

1.643

Public inebriate screenings

821

Screenings that prevented clients from jail, nearly 50%

94%

Clients reported receiving the help they needed



Safety Connection monitor Erin Daigle checks in with clients.

Safety Connection

The Safety Connection program helps individuals with developmental disabilities live independently in the community setting of their choice. Safety Connection uses technology and trained staff to deliver overnight support to Vermont youth in transition, adults, families, and elders who wish to age in place.

66

Individuals received overnight support

35

Individuals served are transition-age youth (age 18-34 years)

95%

Report feeling safe at home during the night

94%

Report they always get the help at night when they need it

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2016 Program Highlights



Front: Alice Scannel, Jennifer Reges; Back: Mary Munns, Kerry McCracken Ducolon, Cara Gleason Krebs, Ellyn Leamon

School Services

Our School Services Program helps children, families, and school personnel address barriers that interfere with student achievement. Schools in Chittenden County contract with Howard Center to provide social work services to children and families.

43
Schools in Chittenden
County with Howard
Center clinicians

692
Students receiving services

92%

Students with improved or sustained attendance

81%
Students with improved and stable behavioral challenges



Matt Young and Casey Lee, from the Street Outreach
Team, on the Church Street Marketplace.

Street Outreach

The Street Outreach Team works with individuals in the downtown Burlington Business District and surrounding areas, assisting those with mental health, substance use disorders, homelessness, and unmet social service needs access essential services.

939

People receiving services

1.000

Referrals made by Street Outreach to appropriate services

8,437
Total contacts

169

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Throughout our 150-year history, Howard Center has been the beneficiary of generous community support through service, advocacy, education, collaboration, and philanthropy.

To express our gratitude, in 2016 we introduced an award to honor a person or organization whose contribution personifies a passion for our agency's mission and a commitment to helping the people we serve. We were proud to present our first Help is Here award to philanthropist Lisa Steele, in recognition of her many contributions toward helping us fulfill our mission.



"I am deeply touched and grateful for this recognition. For 150 years, Howard Center and its staff have played a vital role in our community. They change and save people's lives by helping them regain their dignity, hope, and independence. I am truly honored to be a supporter of their work."

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In 2016, Linda Morrow formed a relay team to run in the Vermont City Marathon in memory of her son, Steve Cohen. The team—Run4Steve—raised nearly \$8,000 for Howard Center Developmental Services.

Linda says she chose Howard Center as a recipient "because the staff at Howard Center saw Steve as far more than a client. They truly loved him and appreciated his indomitable spirit and quirky sense of humor. And the staff always had my back, responding quickly when challenges arose."

With support from Howard Center, Steve was able to live independently and work at Healthy Living Market for 17 years. The money raised by the Run4Steve Team will be used to create a fund to help others like Steve who enrich our lives with their diversity, determination, and delight in living each day to their fullest potential.



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child and family services, please join us for one of our Family Advisory Council meetings. We welcome family members who are receiving or have received children's services.

Visit www.howardcenter.org for more information.

Council: **Upcoming Meetings**

3/15/17: Howard Center's Access &c

5/17/17: Parent Resources & FY18 Planning



Please Join Us!

Family Advisory Council

All Meetings: 6:00-8:00 p.m. 1138 Pine St., Burlington

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In 2015 we began offering free and opento-the-public presentations, panels, and movie screenings as part of our mission and service to our community.

Sessions have included talks on subjects like the opioid epidemic, trauma, suicide risk and prevention, mental illness and

recovery, and sleep, to name a few. Presentations are videotaped and available in an archive at www.howardcenter.org.

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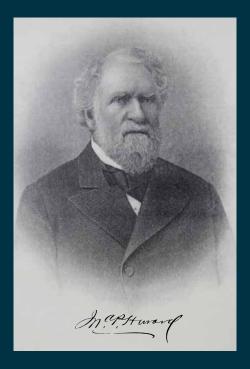
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Continuing the legacy of John Purple Howard and his sister Louisa Howard.

In 1882, John Purple Howard made what must have seemed to be a simple donation at the time. When his sister Louisa Howard asked him to support the Ladies Aid Society, he couldn't have known that his \$200 contribution would become one of the key building blocks of today's Howard Center. The Purple Legacy Society honors those who care deeply about the people served by Howard Center and want to make gifts of lasting value through bequests or planned gifts.



If you have included Howard Center in your will or estate planning, please let us know so we can keep you informed about current programs and acknowledge your generosity by including you as a member of the Purple Legacy Society.

For more information, please contact Mike Glod, Senior Development and Communications Director: mglod@howardcenter.org or 802.488.6905.

Why Your Contribution Makes A Difference.

As a private, nonprofit organization, Howard Center relies on the generous donations of our supporters to continue to provide essential services to Vermonters who face some of life's toughest challenges. Howard Center is unable to rely solely on diminishing state and federal funding to support programs and services at the level required to fulfill its mission.

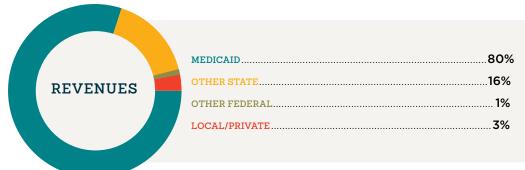
Financial contributions are a great way to support Howard Center, and all gifts, regardless of size, are greatly appreciated and will help to assure that Howard Center continues to improve the well-being of children, adults, families, and communities.

In addition, consider volunteering to serve on one of our standing committees or on the Board of Trustees. Volunteer at annual fundraising events, such as the Curling Challenge or Zoe's Race. Attend one of our free and open-to-the public Community Education sessions. Visit our website at www.howardcenter.org to learn more about the many ways you can contribute to our mission. We really couldn't do it without your support.

To make a contribution, please visit our Donate page at howardcenter.org or use the enclosed envelope.

FY 16 Financial Summary

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$89,638,705



	48%	COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
	7%	CRISIS SERVICES
	8%	MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT SERVICES
	6%	OUTPATIENT SERVICES
	15%	RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
	16%	SCHOOL BASED SERVICES







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