

HISTORY

- December 1982 Grant to fund Child Care Project to study options for child care within Chittenden County and to develop a model center or system, which is responsive to this area's needs, and appropriate for implementation in other parts of Vermont. The Gannett Foundation awarded the project a grant of \$30,000 in December, 1982 from Community Priorities Fund.
- September, 1983 Utilizing the preliminary results of the child care study, applied for \$46,135 to implement a resource and referral model. In February of 1983, \$20,000 was awarded to the Child Study Project for the purpose of establishing a resource and referral center.
- Early 1983 The Child Care Study Project was approached by the Work/Family Directions to see if the project might be able to accept a contract to provide resource and referral services to employees of IBM as part of a nationwide program.
- Remainder of 1983 and Early 1984 With the combination of funding from Work/Family and Gannett, the Task Force

and Professional Advisory Committee, under the grantee status of the United Way proceeded to implement the resource and referral program.

May, 1984

Project Director hired and provided initial consultation.

June, 1984

Remaining staff hired, space secured, office set up. Resource file established.

July, 1984

Contract to provide service to IBM employees began. Provider recruitment implemented. Advisory Board nominated and oriented.

August, 1984

Information and referral service to the public began August 15th. Board organized and developed a committee structure.

September, 1984

Service started to Chittenden County residents and employees of IBM. Staff and Board become involved with providing technical assistance and advocacy as well as community education.

In the first 13 days of operation of the public service, the Center received 93 calls requesting care for 119 children of the following ages:

46 children one year and under	39% of total children
25 children one-two years	21% of total children
34 children 3-5 years	29% of total children
14 children six and over	11% of total children