

# VERMONT GIFTED RESOURCES DIRECTORY



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The Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education is a 501(c) 3 registered non-profit whose mission is affirming, educating, and supporting gifted youth and their families. The organization was created in 2003 to promote personal growth in the intellectual, artistic, social, emotional, and creative development of Vermont's gifted and talented. **Please note that the information provided in the Directory does not imply an endorsement by, or any affiliation with, the Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education.**

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### **Martha Beede**

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Ages served: Grades K-12

Description: Thrive Educational Consulting can assist you with educational planning and advocacy, finding alternative educational programs and placement, and empowering you to help your child thrive socially and academically. We also work one-on-one with students to create and support apprenticeships that help students to use their strengths, pursue their interests, and learn through engaging community-based projects. With over a decade of experience using strength-based approaches to help students understand their talents and thrive socially and academically, Martha Beede recently founded Thrive Educational Consulting. Martha currently works for Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth and Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development, providing leadership for the award-winning Civic Leadership Institute for Gifted and Talented students. Martha has her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and has also served as the Director of Middle School for a leading school in New York City for Gifted and Talented students. She has experience as a School Principal, Faculty member for Vermont State Colleges, and Educational Consultant.

### **Lucy Gage Bogue, M.A.**

Gifted Consultant

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Ages served: Elementary/secondary

Description: Lucy is currently the Executive Director of the Green Mountain Center of Gifted Education, and Co-director of the Talent Development Institute. She has raised two gifted children (now young adults), has personal experience with alternative education strategies, and works with families of gifted children to advise them on possible strategies to guide their children's educational future. She is especially knowledgeable about the home schooling process.

### **Louise A. Dietzel, M.S.**

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Ages served: All ages

Description: Assisting parents and children of all ages to understand and accept the gift of giftedness.

## **Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education**

P.O. Box 658 Colchester, Vermont 05446

(802) 658-9941

Website: [www.vermontgifted.org](http://www.vermontgifted.org)

Ages served: General services to children and families of all ages; summer camp for students entering grades 4-9

Description: The Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education is a 501(c) 3 registered non-profit whose mission is affirming, educating, and supporting gifted youth and their families. The organization was created in 2003 to promote personal growth in the intellectual, artistic, social, emotional, and creative development of Vermont's gifted and talented. The primary service of the GMCGE is the Talent Development Institute. This is a program for gifted students which has taken place at Johnson State College since 1998. It is an enriching and delightful camp for gifted youth entering grades 4-9. It combines the relaxed atmosphere of a summer camp with new academic and creative opportunities in a place where kids go to learn and grow and have fun with other gifted children, and with teachers who understand and support their giftedness. In 2017, upon the closing of VCGE's doors, GMCGE also assumed responsibility for the Parent Connections program, which was started by VCGE.

## **Lisa Stephen, Ph.D.**

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Ages served: All

Description: Counseling and consultation for gifted youth, adults, and families. Dr. Stephen has dedicated a significant part of her personal and professional life to assisting gifted youth and their families. She has specialized training and education in giftedness. Dr. Stephen provides psychoeducational information about the unique emotional, social, behavioral, and cognitive characteristics of giftedness. She helps gifted youth and their families understand how giftedness impacts their lives. She assists her clients in coping with the issues they experience related to giftedness while helping them honor and celebrate their incredible potential. She also facilitates referrals when clients can benefit from other services.

## **Carol Story, Ph.D.**

South Burlington, VT

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Ages served: All

Description: Consultations for families. Dr. Story is available to meet with families of gifted learners in order to develop the best strategies to meet the academic and social/emotional needs of these children. This may include, but is not limited to, meeting with school staff (Educational/Instructional Support Teams) to develop instructional plans for the continual growth of these children in the regular classroom or through home schooling.

**Trevor J. Tebbs, Ph.D.**

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Ages served: Predominately working with pre-school – high school students

Description: Providing psychological evaluation/assessments.

**Melissa King**

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Ages served: Children and adults

Description: Melissa is a Learning Specialist and VT licensed Special Educator who has taught and evaluated children and adults in the Northeast for more than 20 years. She has expertise in Learning, Language and Reading Disabilities, as well as additional expertise in the areas of Gifted, Executive Functioning, and Twice-Exceptional Learners.

## FUNDING RESOURCES

**Hayes Foundation**

PO Box 125, Rutland VT 05701

(802) 417-2170

Website: [www.thehayesfoundation.org](http://www.thehayesfoundation.org)

Ages served: ages/grades to 18 years old

Description: The Hayes Foundation is a private state-chartered foundation created for the purpose of carrying out the intentions expressed in the will of Walter Hayes Jr., specifically, to assist in the education of the youth of Rutland County, Vermont, with a special emphasis on assistance to intellectually gifted children. Highly capable and intellectually ambitious children are encouraged to seek rich and challenging learning experiences. THE HAYES FOUNDATION provides a variety of resources for these young people and their families:

- Furnishing information about suitable programs that challenge and nurture intellectual promise (see our Resources page for suggestions)
- Offering need-based financial grants to support the learning experiences of children who demonstrate intellectual promise: School-year Study Grants, Summer Study Grants and Team Grants
- Collaborating with two Vermont summer camps to provide financial assistance to campers from Rutland County. Financial aid and applications are directly through the individual camps.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **Accents, School of Foreign Language**

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Website: [www.asofl.com](http://www.asofl.com)

Ages served: 4 through adult

Description: We offer fun, interactive foreign language classes in an immersion setting with focus on oral expression and expedient language. Currently offering French.

Upcoming languages: Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. Learning a foreign language is a challenge for all students. With regard to our gifted students, we are able to offer an accelerated curriculum. Students enjoy the challenge of learning useful and meaningful material at a faster rate and become orally efficient sooner. In addition, we engage the students in fun, critical thinking and deductive reasoning activities.

### **Audubon Vermont**

255 Sherman Hollow Rd. Huntington, VT 05462

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Jamie Montague, Education Manager and Summer Camp Director

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Ages served: Preschool through adult

Description: An environmental education and conservation non-profit. See our website for more information: <http://vt.audubon.org/programs>. We offer outdoor, nature-based homeschool programs for ages 6-13. Read more on our webpage:

<http://vt.audubon.org/programs/homeschool-programs>.

### **Cambridge Elementary School**

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Ages served: Elementary

Description: The gifted program at Cambridge Elementary School has been in existence for many years. Ellen provides classroom opportunities to all students in the school and also works with small groups of students around topics of their interest as well as guiding independent work of highly motivated children. Ellen is also the co-director of the Talent Development Institute with Lucy Bogue.

### **Crow's Path Field School**

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Website: [www.crowspath.org](http://www.crowspath.org)

Ages served: Grades K-8

Description: Our programs encourage kids to develop a sense of curiosity and connection to the natural world through hands on experiences. Kids are mentored by skilled staff in a range of nature-based activities including: tracking, basket weaving, singing, free play, natural arts, dying with natural materials, archery, and lots more. Range of programs from week-long camps to full year programs. Apprenticeships and mentor-training for middle school and high school students.

### **Davis Studio**

Teresa Davis, Director

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Ages served: Programs for ages 2.5 through adult

Description: Davis Studio is committed to creating an atmosphere that fosters the imagination and nurtures creativity. Each student is respected as an artist with his or her own unique style and unlimited potential. A wide range of classes and camps are offered for students to explore artistic possibilities. For the past 12 years Davis Studio has been a resource for many gifted children. Our students' ideas and contributions are valued and respected. Students are given autonomy to direct their own learning and explorations. Generous support is provided but children are encouraged to take personal initiative, work independently and think outside the box. At Davis Studio the arts are connected to virtually every area of a student's personal interest.

### **Georgia Elementary and Middle School**

Nancy Mildrum

Georgia, VT

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Ages served: Elementary and Middle

Description: The Enrichment Program at Georgia Elementary and Middle School has been in existence for more than 30 years. Staff of the program provide enrichment activities open to all the students in the school and also offer small group and individual learning opportunities for bright and motivated students needing those more specialized services.

### **Pacem School**

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Ages served: 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

Description: Pacem School is an intellectually inspiring, joyful learning community in Montpelier, VT. We are a state-approved, full-time independent 6th - 12th grade school, and in addition, we offer coursework and extra-curricular support to homeschoolers age 10-18. Our students are curious and passionate. We give them time and freedom to pursue their interests while supporting them with an intellectually rich curriculum. Our exceptional faculty, all experts in their fields, inspire and guide our students every day. Pacem provides a community where each student is known and cherished. This setting allows our students to develop confidence, feel empowered, and to blossom. We offer a full-time program for students, and in addition we welcome homeschoolers and students from other schools to take our classes. All of our classes are very small (typically less than 8 students), guided by exceptional faculty, and organized around the premise that students should be given the tools and guidance to pursue their passions. This setting meets the needs of many students, and especially those who are gifted.

### **Talent Development Institute**

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Ages served: Grades 4-9

Description: The Talent Development Institute is a program for gifted students sponsored by the Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education. TDI, which has taken place since 1998 at Johnson State College, is an enriching and delightful two weeks for gifted and talented youth entering grades 4-9. The Institute combines the relaxed atmosphere of a summer camp with new academic and creative opportunities. It is a place where kids go to learn, to grow and have fun with other gifted children, and with teachers who understand and support their giftedness.

### **Vermont Commons School**

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Ages served: Grades 6 - 12

Description: Many gifted students we have known have had positive experiences at Vermont Commons School in South Burlington, though it does not advertise itself as a

school for gifted students. Its academic program features an experiential curriculum for grades 6-12, using hands-on 21st-century teaching methodologies, encouraging environmental engagement and responsibility and, in the latter grades, focusing deeply on preparation for further study and a productive, giving life. Mission: Scholarship. Community. Global Responsibility.