

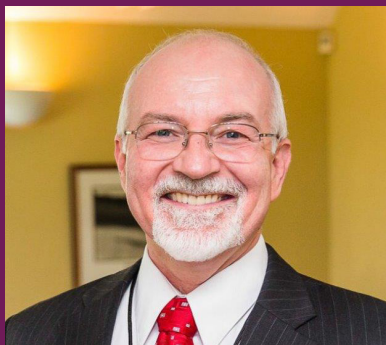


## OUR MISSION:

To enable Vermonters whether blind or visually impaired, to be more independent, to cultivate adaptive skills and to improve their quality of life.

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“We’ve had a busy year at our Agency. Serving more clients than ever before, and launching a pilot program to assess the needs of our clients by training them to use the many adaptive features in their iPads and iPhones. Thank you for your continued support in helping your friends and neighbors to stay independent and active in their communities!”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pouliot". The signature is stylized and cursive.

– Steve Pouliot, October 2018



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# Financials:

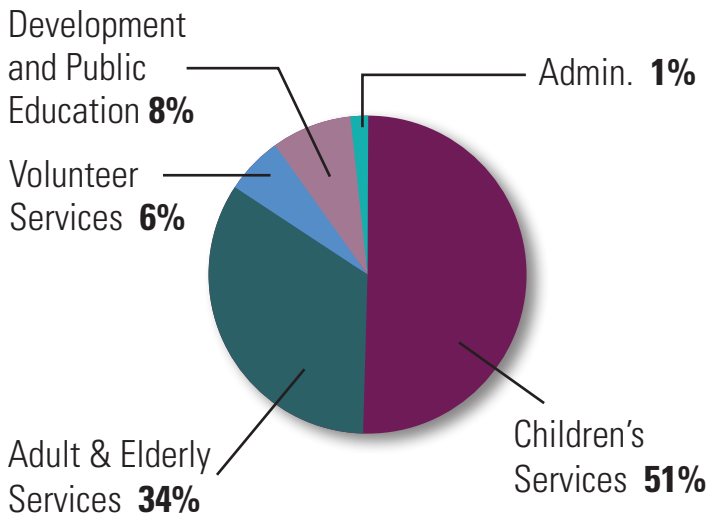
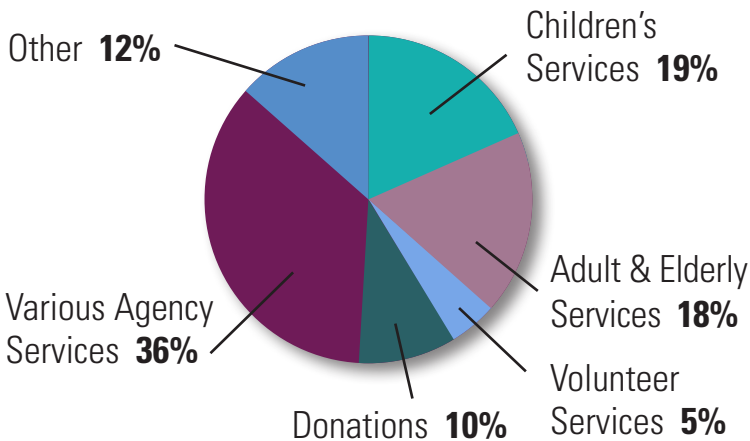
July 2017 through June 2018

## Revenue

Children's Services Grants	598,718
Adult & Elderly Services	575,000
Volunteer Services	146,601
Donations	315,743
Various Agency Services	1,149,376
Other	431,610
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,217,048</b>

## Expenses

Children's Services	1,610,806
Adult & Elderly Services	1,081,870
Volunteer Services	190,430
Development and Public Education	260,520
Administration	53,795
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,197,421</b>



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# 2018 STATS AT A GLANCE

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), a non-profit organization founded in 1926, is the only private agency to offer training, services, and support to visually impaired Vermonters from birth to end of life.

**115 clients** participated in Peer Assisted Learning and Support Group (PALS) across **14 counties** in VT.

**62 towns** and cities supported VABVI by providing **\$26,219** in donations.

VABVI provided services to 350 children and 1,420 adults – totaling **1,770 clients served in 2018!**

153 volunteers donated **8,547 hours** of service, and volunteer drivers **drove 118,808 miles** in the past year!

# Adult Services; iOS Training Program

The iOS Training Program has been a great success in its first year. **116 people have gone through the training** with the following stories reported:

*A client in Swanton learned how to text message and use FaceTime in order to stay in contact with her children and grandchildren in California.*

*TVIs helped another client pair her Amazon Dot with her phone that allowed her to make phone calls and send messages by voice command.*

*Another client, who had the unpleasant experience of falling and not being able to get up, has learned that Amazon Dots placed in different rooms can keep her safe by allowing her to make voice-command calls should she fall again.*

The training program is not only expanding our clients' abilities to stay in touch with friends and loved ones, but may even help save lives!

# Children's Services

Technology combined with our professional instruction plays an integral and critical role in helping visually impaired students live independently. A recent example; parents reported that their child, a recipient of VABVI services, could not tell the difference between a can of chicken noodle soup vs vegetable soup. Director of Children's Services, Stephanie Bissonette, encouraged the parents to download the free TapTapSee app to their iPad. Sara Dessau, VABVI TVI & COMS instructed the student in using the app. **TapTapSee works this way: When the student takes a picture of anything, the app says, out-loud, what the item is such as a "Campbell's chicken noodle soup" or "a brown egg" or "a blue stapler."** There is also a more advanced talking app called Seeing AI that will read short text, bar codes, currency, faces of people, colors, hand-writing, scenery, and documents.

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