

What is DREAM?

The DREAM Program is a pioneering non-profit organization that collaborates with Vermont housing authorities and other community groups to create and support

mentoring

partnerships between college students and the children of affordable housing communities.



The DREAM Program, Inc.

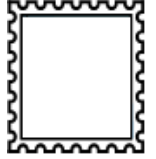
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*2004 Outstanding
Mentoring Program*

Awarded by the
Vermont Mentoring Partnership

DREAM Accolades

At Templeton Court, DREAM has demonstrated that college student mentors can make a huge difference in the lives of low-income youth... Colleges and housing providers would serve their students, their youth and their communities well by adopting the DREAM model.

Michael McNamara
State Coordinator
Vermont State HUD Office

This program has done more for this community... than any other program I know of.

Barbara Sanderson
Mother of 2 DREAMers
Templeton resident

DREAM changes what is thought of as acceptable in our lives and for our futures. It has completely changed my definition of success.

Sarah Siegel
Class of 2002
Dartmouth College

If we can go to

Colorado [on a High Adventure trip with DREAM], then we can do anything!

Wayne Miller
14-yr-old DREAMer
Templeton resident



DREAM

...retains the best Mentors

- » Participants develop life-long relationships based on trust and growth
- » Every individual is a decision-maker in the student-run mentoring group
- » There are many opportunities to design and lead amazing trips and activities
- » Mentors affect change in local communities



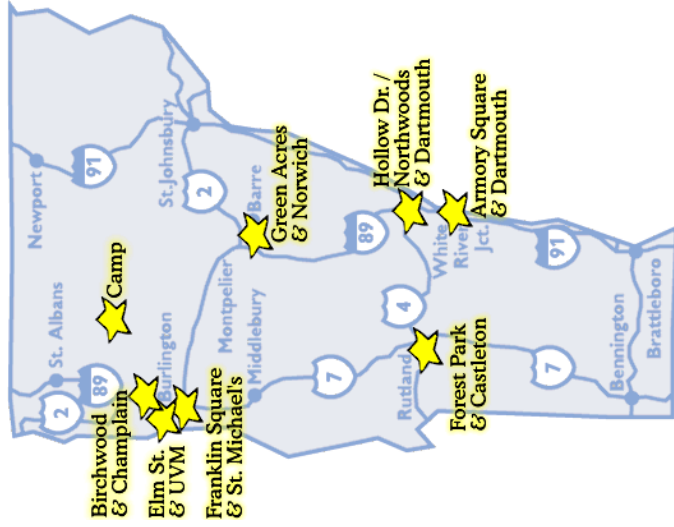
... partners with Housing Authorities

- » The presence of a DREAM improves resident satisfaction and lowers vacancy rates while improving community relations with city services
- » Presence of mentors discourages delinquency by providing positive role models and structured activities
- » DREAM's Central Office provides risk management, sustainability, accountability, mentoring know-how and a program model with demonstrated success

...benefits the Community

- » Positive relationships with local universities grow
- » The presence of a diverse group of college students encourages the idea of Higher Education in a child's mind
- » DREAM empowers the community through involvement in our Local Advisory Boards

Where do we DREAM?



Seven local programs are going strong!

- » Armory Square & Dartmouth
- » Birchwood & Champlain
- » Elm Street & UVM
- » Forest Park & Castleton State
- » Franklin Square & St. Michael's
- » Green Acres & Norwich University
- » Hollow Dr./Northwoods & Dartmouth