

MEMBERSHIP MONDAY: Vinfen

Highlighting Vinfen's Impact on the Community

At the Council, we are proud to highlight the achievements of our members who are driving change in the community. This membership Monday, as part of our yearlong celebration of the Providers' Council's 50th anniversary, we're shining a spotlight on Vinfen.

Who is Vinfen and What Do They Do?

Founded in 1977, Vinfen has grown to become a leader in providing community-based support for those in need. With over 370 programs across 500 locations in Massachusetts and Connecticut, Vinfen is focused on helping individuals transition from hospital settings to community living. Over the years, their mission has expanded to include support for individuals with developmental disabilities, brain injuries, and behavioral health challenges. Vinfen's mission emphasizes investing in community based, self-centered support through evidence-based practices. Their focus is on empowering individuals to achieve their goals and lead more independent, productive and valued lives as active members of their communities. Vinfen does this by using the latest science-based interventions to support the people they serve.

They provide a variety of services, including:

- Adult Community Clinical Services (ACCS) and Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT).
- Support in building daily living skills.
- Housing services for individuals facing mental health or developmental challenges, as well as chronic homelessness.
- Vocational resources and job skill development to help individuals find and maintain employment.

By prioritizing self-directed, person-centered care, Vinfen is ensuring that their clients receive the support they need to thrive.



When Did Vinfen Join The Providers' Council and Why?

Vinfen became a member of the Providers' Council over 20 years ago, drawn by the alignment between their mission and the Council's. By joining, Vinfen aimed to transform people's lives and foster a learning environment for individuals, families, and organizations to learn, and be able to achieve their goals. The providers' Council's focus on providing resources, advocacy, and training directly supports Vinfen's work and strengthen its impact across communities. This is partnership strengthens both Vinfen's and the Council's shared goal: empowering service providers to help more people in need.

Vinfen has received prestigious honors from the Providers' Council over the years, including the Caring Bear Award and the Gerry Wright Direct Service Employee Award, which have recognized the outstanding contributions of Vinfen staff in supporting and improving the lives of those they serve. Most recently, Jean Yang, the President and CEO of Vinfen was highlighted in the Council's newspaper, showcasing who Jean is, along with the critical work she continues to lead for the organization and the communities Vinfen serves.

“ A Voice from the Vinfen Team

Vinfen's partnership with the Providers' Council has been invaluable in advancing our mission to support individuals with mental health conditions, disabilities, and behavioral health challenges. Through the council's advocacy, education, and programming, we've strengthened our ability to deliver high quality, community-based services while staying at the forefront of industry best practices. Together, we're building a more resilient and inclusive human services sector across Massachusetts.



Looking Ahead: Vinfen's Continued Commitment to Support and Innovation

As we celebrate 50 years of the Providers' Council and honor the contributions of organizations like Vinfen, we look forward to the continued impact they will make in the year ahead. Vinfen's dedication to supporting vulnerable populations and their commitment to community-based care is a driving force in the human services sector.

We're excited to share that Vinfen's 18th Annual Film Festival is taking place on Saturday, March 15, at GBH Studios in Brighton! Each year, this powerful event uses film to raise awareness, foster important dialogue, and combat the stigma often faced by individuals with mental health conditions and disabilities.

Vinfen's partnership with the Providers' Council strengthens our shared mission to build a stronger, more resilient human services sector. We're proud to help spread the word and support this important event.

Want to learn more about Vinfen and the Providers' Council? Visit our websites to explore our work, services, and upcoming initiatives!

Providers' Council:
www.providers.org/

Vinfen:
www.vinfen.org
www.vinfen.org/film-festival