The STARS Program of WCMHS offers a center based program for children and youth experiencing an Autism Spectrum Disorder and or Development Delay. STARS School is a division of the STARS Program which is located on 260 Beckley Hill in Barre, VT. STARS School can serve up to 6 children and youth aged 6–22 in grades 1–12.

STARS School provides a full onsite academic program for students which includes individualized behavioral programming, social skills training, and support around activities of daily living. Programs are individualized and developed by the Consultant and an Educator with significant input from the family and sending school team.

Each STARS School student is assigned a treatment team including a Behavioral Consultant (a BCBA or oversight from a BCBA), Case Manager, Behavior Interventionist, and instruction from an Educational Instructor/Teacher.

STARS School students receive 1:1 support with an Educational Instructor/Teacher, and this teacher has access to and consultation from a licensed Special Educator. Direct instruction can be provided by the Special Educator as needed.

STARS students and families are provided case management supports through an assigned Case Manager. Case Managers coordinate services and provide assistance with identifying needed supports and services.

STARS students and families are also provided a Behavioral Consultant (a BCBA or oversight from a BCBA). Consultants provide individualized programming and behavioral programming.
Who do we serve?
Children and adolescents up to age 22 in the Washington County Area who have an Autism Spectrum Diagnosis and/or other Developmental Disability.

What is our purpose?
Provide an education through evidence-based interventions for structured teaching experiences (e.g., Discrete Trial Learning, Verbal Behavior Training, Modeling, Naturalistic Teaching Strategies, Schedules, etc.) based upon principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis.

What service delivery options can be provided?
STARS has a menu of service options including: Educational Services, Service Planning and Coordination, Behavioral Planning, Discrete Trial Learning and Structured Teaching Methods, Play Skills, Generalized Activities and Community Integration, Social Skills Development, Independent Living Skills and Consultation Services.

Service Options:
Therapeutic Case Management Services
Behavioral Consultation (from a BCBA or supervised by a BCBA)
Behavioral Intervention Supports
Individualized Educational Services
Consultation and/or Direct Instruction from a Licensed Special Educator

“If they can’t learn the way we teach, we teach the way they learn”
–O.Ivar Lovaas