

Vermont Language Justice Project

Newsletter

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New Videos

Medicaid Closure Because of Immigration Status - Vermont Health Connect Letter Summary

For Immigrants Who Lost Their Medicaid Coverage

A Test for Breast Cancer



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Hi there,

We are deeply saddened by the devastating floods and landslides affecting communities in central Nepal. Our hearts are with those who have lost loved ones, their homes, and their livelihoods, and with those still waiting for news of missing family members. We stand in solidarity with the people of Nepal and those working tirelessly to rescue and support affected communities. You can make a donation [HERE](#) to World Central Kitchen and [HERE](#) to Project Hope.

VLJP has been working on a bunch of projects this month that should be out for viewing in the next few weeks, including a video on Girls on the Run (which was pure joy to make), a video on Understanding Feelings During Pregnancy and After a Baby Is Born and the People Who Can Help You and Finding and Working with an Immigration Lawyer.

We are wrapping up the necessary grant requirements for our new partnership with the Vermont Department of Health and have several grant applications in for projects that we want to do.

That said, **Pease consider making a donation to VLJP [through this link](#).**

With Best Wishes and Stay Safe

[Alison](#) and [Dani](#)

普通话 (Mandarin)



Accounting for 70% of Chinese speakers, Mandarin is more widely spoken than any other form of Chinese – with some 955 million native speakers across the world. That's 14% of the world's total

While written Chinese began to take shape around 4000 years ago, Mandarin started to develop in the 10th and 11th centuries in northern China. This "Old Mandarin" came from local dialects in the North China Plain.

Chinese uses characters that symbolize a syllable of spoken Chinese. Each character could include parts that represent abstract notions, physical objects, or a pronunciation. Although there are several thousand characters in the complete language, everyday Mandarin typically uses a set of some 2,500 characters.

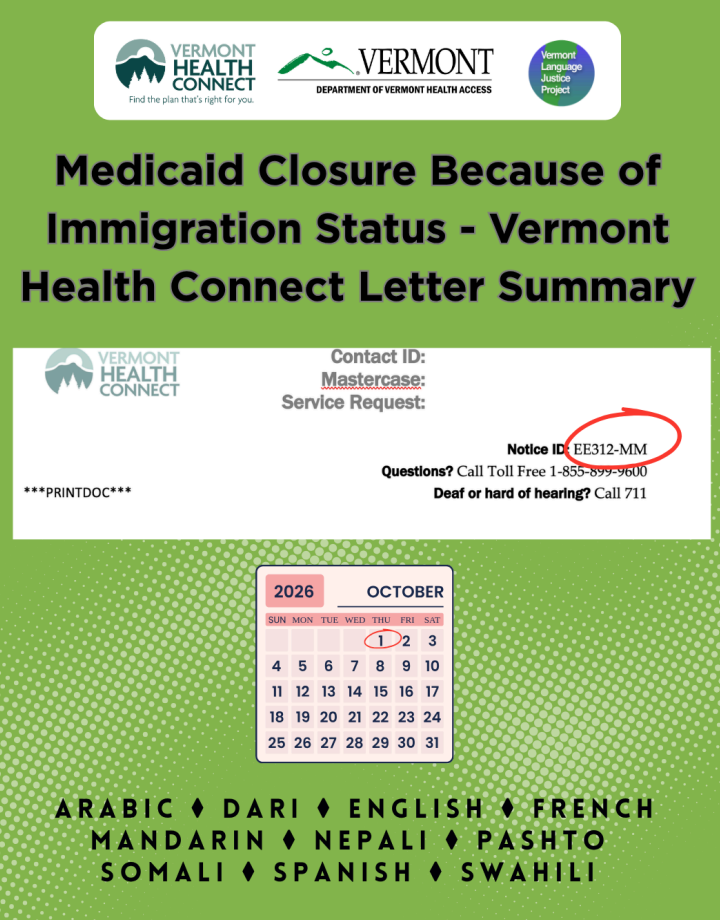
Mandarin has four unique tones including flat, rising, falling then rising, and falling. Other Chinese dialects use as many as nine distinct tones.

Scientific studies have shown that Chinese speakers use both temporal lobes of the brain simultaneously. This dual activation happens because understanding Chinese requires interpreting tones, recognizing visual characters, and processing sounds, all of which involve different brain functions.

Chinese does not have an alphabet but uses a logographic system for its script.



Thanks to the Vermont Bar Foundation we are able to produce a video on Finding and Working with an Immigration Lawyer. The script is almost complete and we will go into production next month



Please share these videos with people you think will be affected by this cruel change for folks accessing health insurance



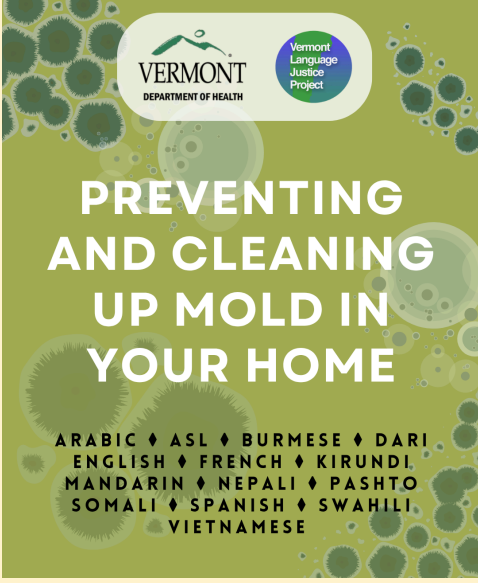
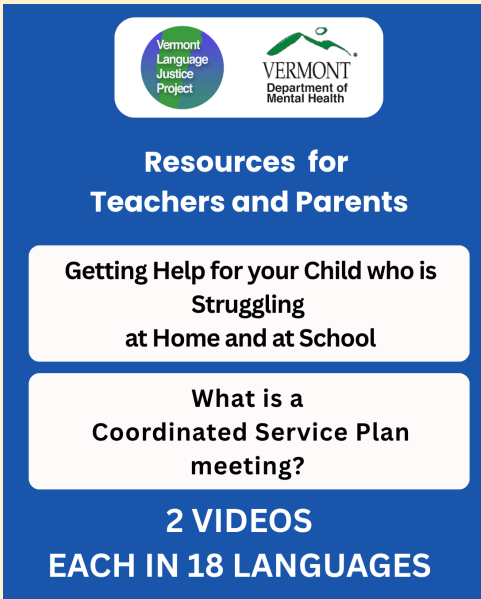
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A video we made a while ago, but edited it so it is more general and not specific to Brattleboro Hospital who made it possible.

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