

Client	<b>State of Vermont, Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)</b>
Project	<b>Supports Intensity Scale - Adult (SIS-A®) Needs Assessments</b>
Timeframe	February 2021 – Present
Scope	<p>VT DAIL contracted with PCG to implement a new needs assessment, the Supports Intensity Scale-Adult Version (SIS-A) for all adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) enrolled in an HCBS waiver service. PCG hired assessors across VT and subcontracted with the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), the owners and authors of the SIS-A to provide initial training and access to the SISOnline system. PCG's efforts result in screening individuals to determine their level of need, as well as programmatic support to ensure future program success.</p> <p>PCG's initial block of assessments is comprised of the sample population of DAIL's HCBS program that will update their current payment methodology and support budgets into an independent, reliable, and valid needs assessment.</p>
Key Achievements	<p>PCG's efforts within their successful implementation included a coordinated approach that involved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Stakeholder engagement sessions involving statewide work groups, state program officers, individuals/families within the HCBS program, as well as agency staff;</li> <li>▶ Targeted communication and volunteer recruitment;</li> <li>▶ Intensive assessor training;</li> <li>▶ Technical assistance with designated agencies; and,</li> <li>▶ Comprehensive change management support to assist with VT DAIL's Payment Reform changes in regards to the SIS-A.</li> <li>▶ Developed and implemented policies and procedures, including scheduling, training, and quality assurance processes.</li> <li>▶ Developed and implemented automated referral process</li> <li>▶ Transitioned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition SIS-A in March of 2023</li> </ul>