

## **Blog Post: Universal Design Enhances Healthcare Access**

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### **Plain Language Summary**

Healthcare is often provided in one standard way, which doesn't work for everyone. Some people can't get healthcare because of things like weak immune systems, trauma, anxiety, or sensory processing differences. When COVID vaccines became available, many people in our community couldn't access them.

To help, All Brains Belong created special vaccination clinics with support from the Vermont Department of Health and other partners. We offered a customized experience for everyone. This made it easier for people to get vaccinated. In the first year, we vaccinated 362 people from all over Vermont.

Even after two years, many people still face barriers to getting vaccinated, such as cost and the end of mask mandates in healthcare facilities. With the support of others, we are able to continue offering accessible vaccine clinics. We are committed to this project because we believe nobody should have to choose between health and healthcare

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