

Please help me to welcome Dr. Addie Armstrong to the Blueprint for Health Team. Addie began her role as a Data Analytics and Information Administrator on June 5, 2023. She is learning about the Blueprint, setting up her computer accounts and software, filling out her calendar and contacts, and getting to know our staff.

I asked Addie to share her a little bit about herself. She writes:

“I’m very pleased to join the Blueprint team as a Data Analytics and Information Administrator and to be part of a program that works to improve the access to and quality of whole-person health care in Vermont.

I hold a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Rhode Island and have spent the past dozen years teaching math, quantitative methods, and operations research at the undergraduate level, conducting academic research, and advising students. My previous research has resulted in several peer reviewed publications in mathematics and math education. Recently, I served as an operations research and data analytics consultant on operating problems for several companies, including Vermont’s own Cabot Hosiery Mills (a.k.a. Darn Tough). I am also an actuarial candidate with the Society of Actuaries.

In 2022, I joined AHS and the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) as the Senior Planner and Data Scientist for the Money Follows the Person Program (MFP). While with MFP, I was able to redesign the database and reporting system to improve program efficiency and conduct significant research into the cost of nursing-home level care in different settings. The research I conducted while with MFP resulted in a white paper on the cost of home-based care submitted to CMS and a corresponding journal article that is currently awaiting peer review.

I grew up in rural New England with a family in health care and earned my LNA at 16 working at a county nursing home. I’m deeply interested in the issues facing both health care clients and service providers and I’m looking forward to working on many new projects with the Blueprint.”

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