Welcoming Communities Project: Recruiting, Retaining, and Supporting a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce

Long-Term System to Create Welcoming Communities & Thriving Economies

> Expanded Recruitment and Retention Capacity for Foreign Workers

> > Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Workplaces

## Overview of Welcoming Communities

Support the retention of current Vermonters in the workforce, especially BIPOC and marginalized workers

Support existing foreign worker populations and immigrant/immigration support systems

Explore new systems and opportunities to scale our recruitment and support of New Vermont workers by an order of magnitude

ECDC and CASP are actively welcoming and supporting New Vermonters

## New Ways of Engaging Communities and Partners

Partner with Community-Based Affinity Groups (of all kinds)

Focus public events on building understanding and solidarity

Valuing lived experience (Ethnographic Interview Project)

Multi-region and cross-sector action teams

## Building Capacity, Shared Learning, and Innovative Solutions

So.VT Providers Network Meeting (Windham & Bennington)

ELL Workgroup (Windham and Bennington) Post-Secondary Education Working Group (So.VT, MA, NH)

Early Childhood Education Pathways for New Vermonters