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Northwest Vermont

Region 1 Prevention Lead Organization

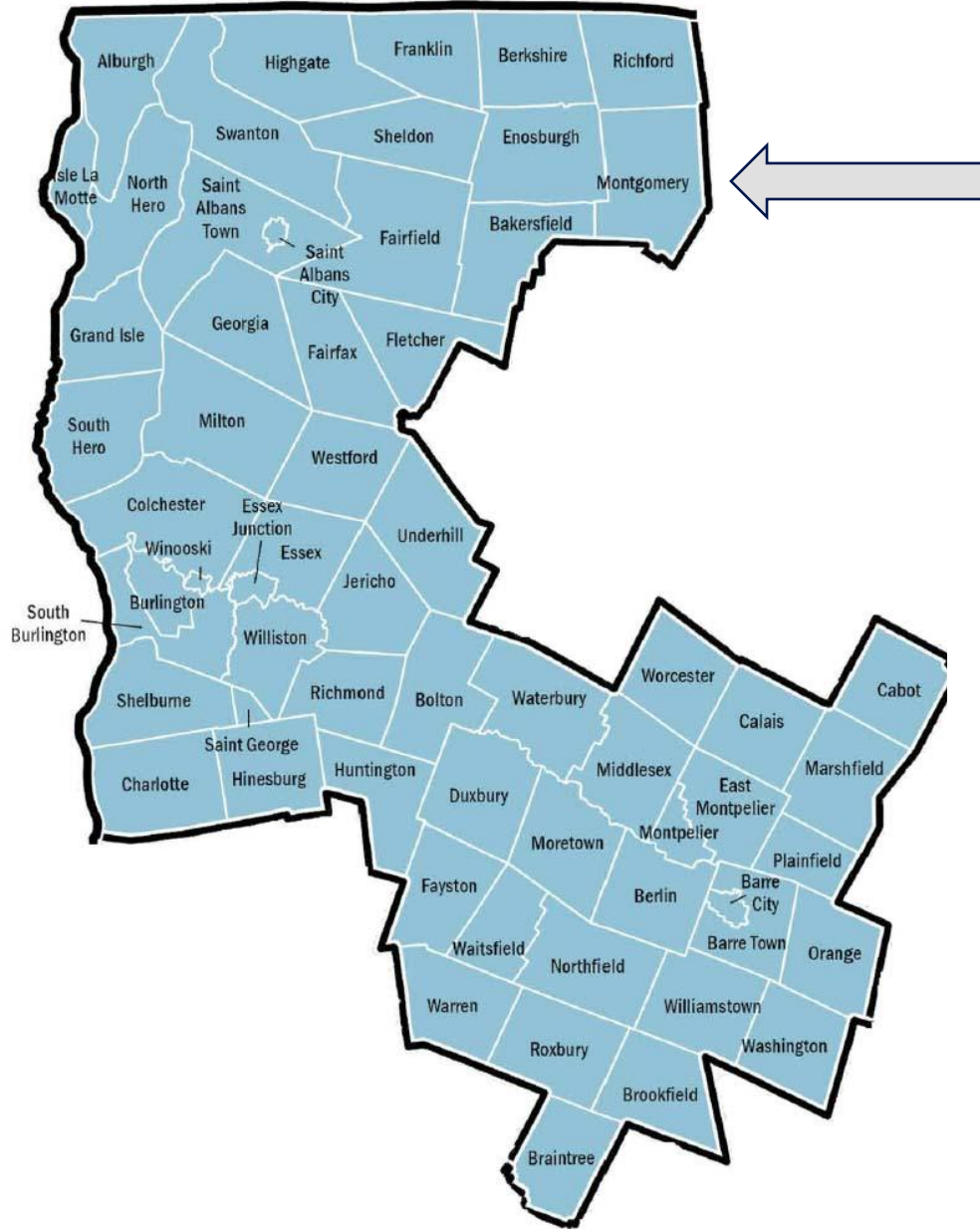
**Amy Carmola, Chief Impact Officer
United Way of Northwest VT**

**Presentation to Vermont House Committee on
Human Services**

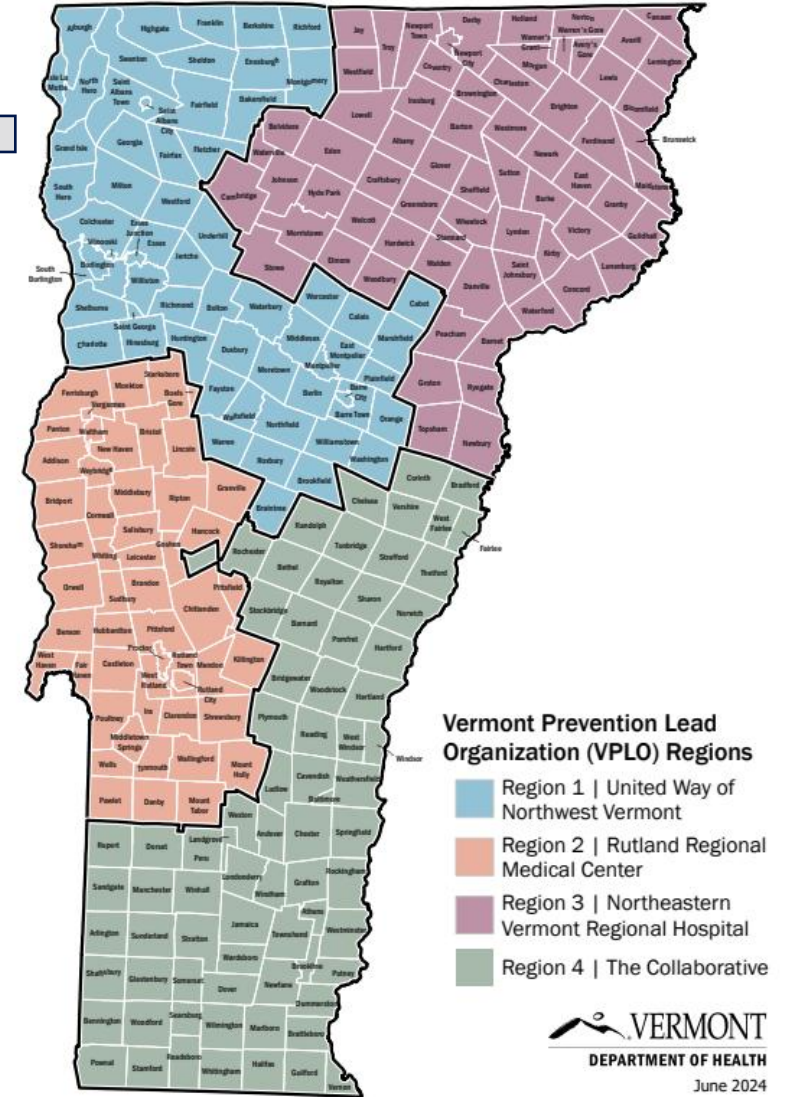
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Region 1 Northwest & Central VT



Vermont Prevention Lead Organizations



SIGNIFICANCE OF VERMONT'S INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION

QUALITY
CONSISTENCY
ACCESS

REGIONAL DATA, FIT, COORDINATION

“BEYOND THE CHECK”

*Training, TA, tools, data, resources, information
Network, connections, collaboration
Coordination & backbone support
Leveraging resources*

MULTI-YEAR FUNDING FOR PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Priorities for Region 1

Reduce disparities in access to prevention resources

Support a holistic model that builds community

Address risk & protective factors for priority populations

Priority Populations for Region 1

People who identify as LGBTQ+

People who identify as Black, Indigenous, Person of Color

People from households with limited financial means

MULTI-YEAR FUNDING FOR PREVENTION PROGRAMS

17 organizations

Serving All Towns in Region 1

9 serving Barre Health District

12 serving Burlington Health District

8 serving St. Albans Health District

Serving All Ages

5,000+ people directly served

48,000+ people reached

**Region 1
Funding for
Prevention
Programs
addresses
all levels**



VERMONT PREVENTION MODEL

ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIP

*53 Organizations
102 People*

*Community Organizations
State Agencies
Schools/School Districts
Higher Education
Health Care
Public Health
Municipalities*

Additional Direct Partners

*VT Department of Health
VT National Guard
AmeriCorps VISTA/SerVermont
Designated Agencies
Regional Planning Commissions
Medical Centers
Larner College of Medicine*

① The Café in Enosburg



2 Information for Older Adults & Translated Prevention Content

TRANSLATED PREVENTION CONTENT

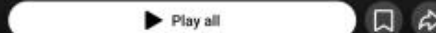
The Prevention Network partnered with the **Vermont Language Justice Project** to create translated prevention content using funds from United Way's LPO Grant distributed by the Vermont Department of Health's Division of Substance Use Programs. Each video is **available in 18 languages**. Check them out below:



The Legal and Health Consequences of Using Drugs and Alcohol

by Vermont Language Justice Project

Playlist • 18 videos • 119 views



[The Legal and Health Consequences of Using Drugs and Alcohol](#). This resource covers some of the physical, emotional, and legal consequences of substance use, including information about how federal and state regulations affect non-citizens.



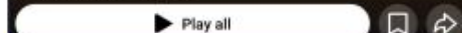
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How Medicines and Alcohol Affect Older Adults

by Vermont Language Justice Project

Playlist • 18 videos • 201 views



[How Medicines and Alcohol Affect You as You Get Older](#). This resource covers important information about how drugs and alcohol mix and interact with each other, including medications that are prescribed by a doctor, and how seniors are affected differently by drugs and alcohol as we get older.



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AN EMPLOYER GUIDE TO SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Created by United Way of Northwest Vermont in collaboration with
United Way's Working Bridges Program and Prevention Works!VT.



3 Employer Toolkit

This Toolkit was adapted from the [WorkLife Partnership Toolkit](#) and
[United Way of Northwest Vermont's Mental Health Toolkit](#).

LOOKING AHEAD



SUSTAIN

investment in what works & what's needed

EXPAND

collaboration with schools & and other sectors

ALIGN

with other areas of prevention

STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

data-driven planning, implementation, evaluation

THANK YOU

