

The Vermont Department of Health, Division of Substance Use Programs (DSU) is enhancing its prevention system to ensure equitable and sustainable substance use prevention statewide with the addition of general fund and cannabis excise tax revenue.

DSU seeks to increase state, regional and community capacity to deliver meaningful substance use prevention in all 12 public health districts by overlaying new and existing funding and initiatives to fill geographic and other identified gaps.

Funding supports prevention organizations

Funding beginning in July of 2023 has supported activities across all substances and age groups with a focus on assessment and capacity-building activities, and work with populations including, but not limited to, the LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities, people living in low-socioeconomic status (SES) households, refugees and English language learners, and people living in rural communities.

Coalitions use evidence-based/informed and promising practices and the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) model in this work. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- Black River Area Coalition
- Building A Positive Community
- Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community
- Healthy Lamoille Valley
- Little Rivers Health Care
- Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital
- Rutland Regional Medical Center
- The Collaborative
- Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield
- Umbrella of St. Johnsbury
- Windham Southwest SU/Deerfield Valley Coalition
- West River Valley Thrives
- Winooski Prevention Partnership

Funding supports organizations to prevent vaping of cannabis and nicotine

To address the challenge of youth vaping DSU, in partnership with the Division of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP), awarded funding from the state tobacco master settlement dollars to community organizations.

Efforts to address vaping focus on evidence-based approaches and effective strategies to build and strengthen a coordinated statewide effort by implementing programs and policies to prevent vaping among Vermont youth. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

KEY POINTS

- Grants awarded to prevention coalitions/entities
- Grants awarded to organizations to prevent vaping of cannabis and nicotine

Community Prevention Grants

- Alliance for Community Transformations (ACT)/Bennington
- Gifford Hospital
- Healthy Lamoille Valley
- Prevention Works! and the Champlain Valley Supervisory Union
- The Collaborative
- United Way of Addison County
- West River Valley Thrives/Building A Positive Community

For more information, contact ahs.vdhdsu@vermont.gov, with subject line “2024 Annual Overview: Prevention Grants.”