



Building strong communities free from the harms of substance use.

The Coalition

Alcohol, drug, and tobacco use are leading causes of death and disability in Central Vermont. Reducing the harmful impacts of substance use requires focused attention, collaboration and innovation. It also requires communities that care and are free of stigma and misunderstanding.

Central Vermont Prevention Coalition (CVPC) is an interdisciplinary collaboration of professional organizations and agencies working in the fields of substance use prevention, harm reduction & disease prevention, treatment, recovery, and restorative justice. Central Vermont Medical Center serves as the foundational “backbone” member of the coalition.

CVPC’s mission is to create a harmonized and stigma-free system of care in Central Vermont where there is no wrong door, no wrong time to get help and support for substance use disorders, and to prevent the initiation of substance use. The participation of people and families who have experienced the harms of substance use is vital to our work.

Building Safe Harbor

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Implementation Grant 2020-2023

In coordination with CVPC, Central Vermont Medical Center is the recipient of a 3-year federal RCORP grant titled *Building Safe Harbor in Central Vermont*. It builds on a needs assessment and strategic plan for the coalition that was developed in 2019-2020. “Building safe Harbor” means building an ecosystem where people impacted by OUD/SUD in need can always access support, services, and understanding from multiple points of entry. This work is consonant with CVMC’s mission to serve its community, reduce barriers to care, and lead in population health.

CVPC Core Values

Collaboration

Organizations within our coalition are already functioning at a high level. Through collaboration, we can maximize the impacts of what’s being done and what’s possible.

Evidence-based approaches

Our coalition is building from established strategies and tactics to address our specific rural context. With that comes opportunities for innovation.

Patient and client-centered care

The lived experiences of patients, families, and clients are understood and valued on the path to helping people discover positive change.

Coalition Members



Please contact us for more information on current initiatives and ways to become involved or support our work.

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