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**Friday, October 21, 2022**

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District Highlight

VT CHEP Activities

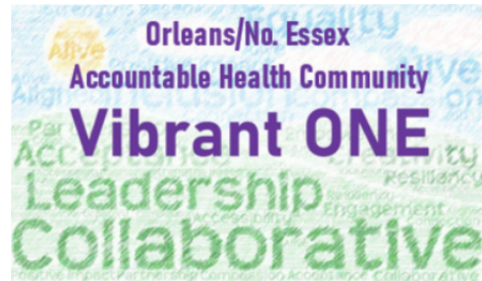
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# VT CHEP DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT



Through VT CHEP, partners in the St. Johnsbury and Newport Health Districts have collaborated to fund the following projects in their regions!

## NEK Prosper Data Driven Problem Statement (St. Johnsbury Health District):

“Not everyone in Caledonia and Southern Essex Counties has fair and just opportunity to be financially secure, mentally healthy, physically healthy, well-housed and well-nourished. This is true particularly for those experiencing stigma, marginalization and avoidable systemic inequalities associated with socioeconomic status; race, ethnicity and culture; sexual orientation and gender identity; visible and invisible disabilities; trauma, mental health and substance misuse disorders, and justice-involvement.”

## Vibrant ONE Data Driven Problem Statement (Newport Health District):

“We are not providing the right mental health/substance misuse care, at the right place at the right time, every time and too many in our community are getting stuck at the wrong level of care/ wrong care location. This is frustrating, costly, and ineffective.”

## Projects Funded

Powered Magazine - Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) mental, physical, and social health benefits of engaging in outdoor

Umbrella, Inc.- NEK Domestic Violence Prevention Warm Line

Vermont Learning Support Initiative - Not “Invisible”! NEK Accepting

The Center for an Agricultural Economy Food Justice and Culture - Building: A Partnership between the Center for an Agricultural Economy and the Civic Standard

St. Johnsbury Community Hub - Community Capacity Through Engagement & Leadership

Neurodivergence

Shaun Campbell - Project Phoenix

Stacy Thrall Coaching - Telling Our  
Stories to Make a Difference: Giving our  
Voice to Systemic Inequalities

Journey to Recovery Community Center  
- Social Detox and Crisis Bed Pilot at  
Journey to Recovery Community Center

NEK Collaborative - Building Social  
Capital and Engagement Throughout the  
NEK

[Learn More Here!](#)

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## VT CHEP ACTIVITIES



**The VT CHEP Networking Event: Centering  
Health Equity**

*In-Person Convening in Killington, VT*

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

**Looking forward to joining you in a day of celebration,  
networking and learning!**

[Agenda Here](#)

## **Four Afternoon Workshops to Choose From**

[Workshop Descriptions](#)

### **Identities and Biases: Navigating Difficult Conversations**

*with Indra J. Acharya*

“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.” – Audre Lorde

Identities and positionalities determine access and opportunities. Working towards equity and justice requires us to have a sound understanding of biases and prejudices as they relate to human identities. In this interactive workshop, participants will critically examine the concepts of, and their own, positionality and privilege while simultaneously discussing effective ways of having difficult conversations around identities and biases.

### **Holding Space During Turbulent Times**

*with Padgett Coaching, Ricky Padgett and Tess Weinisch*

As leaders in our community, we may find ourselves facilitating meetings and conversations while our community has recently been in crisis. This session will allow you to learn and grow in the understanding of your role in those meetings and conversations. Within this session we will spend time on content about:

- Understanding your role in creating a safe space
- Understanding your role in acknowledging and facilitating difficult topics

- Understanding the behaviors that support a trusted space
- Understanding what boundaries to hold in the space for yourself
- We will also have a space for questions you may be holding from real-life experiences.

## **Stories with Purpose: Storytelling Tools for Engagement, Equity and Action, with Rebecca Stone**

***with Rebecca Stone***

We all know stories inspire and entertain, but stories with *purpose* can do far more than that. Storytelling, story listening, and story crafting exercises can uncover and share community values, elicit essential feedback, engage and center diverse voices, inspire action and investment, facilitate challenging conversations, and communicate impact. The key to impact is to design, shape, share, hear and interpret them with purpose. This interactive workshop will share examples of inspiring and replicable community storytelling activities, from story circles to 6-word stories, live events to documentary and multimedia productions. We'll dig into best practices for using these tools effectively and equitably, then experience them live through quick storytelling activities and practice sessions. Attendees will leave with a set of creative new storytelling tools they can use to shape health equity work on the ground.

## **Centering Equity in Facilitation**

***with Health Resources in Action (HRiA)***

How can facilitation ensure equity? In this interactive workshop we will define “facilitation” and do a deep dive on the importance of facilitating - its purpose, outcome and process - using an equity lens.

How to structure meetings using process and decision-making tools to bring more community voice, and normalizing vulnerability for honest conversations, will be modeled and participants will have a chance to practice using these different techniques.

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# In-Person Skill Development Workshop with Ricky and Tess from Padgett Coaching

## Registration Extended! To Friday, Oct 28th, 5pm

*Check with your District's Backbone or Integrator to register.*

**Thursday, November 10, 2022 | 9am - 4pm**

**Did you know that 95% of people surveyed claim to be self-aware  
and that only 15% are actually self-aware?**

**Have you wished you had a better understanding of social  
awareness and team dynamics?**

**In your work, do you feel there are opportunities for you to  
influence others more effectively?**

If so, join us for an in-person day in Randolph, Vermont to explore these  
topics and more in a fun and highly interactive way.

*This workshop is for Backbones, Integrators, and one guest per District.*

*We will continue to monitor the CDC recommendations on COVID-19  
precautions and will update any masking requirements prior to the date.*

**View VT CHEP's  
Past Webinars!**

[Find Instructions Here](#)



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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**





VERMONT MUTUAL  
INSURANCE GROUP

## Vermont Mutual Insurance Group Charitable Giving Fund

**Purpose:** To enhance the quality of life in communities where the Group conducts business, by providing financial support to worthy community organizations.

**About:** The Fund provides financial support to organizations that help to build, maintain and enrich healthy lives and strong, vibrant communities. The Fund's primary focus is to contribute to non-profit organizations that serve communities through any of the following four initiatives: promote education, foster youth, community-based, satisfy basic needs

**Applicants:** Agent Locations: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York State, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Submission must include proof of 501(c)(3) tax status.

Contact: Vermont Mutual Insurance Group [MCharitableGiving@VermontMutual.com](mailto:MCharitableGiving@VermontMutual.com)

**Due: November 15th, 2022**

Grant Application

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## EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

# The Talk, Vermont



## Racism in America - The Talk Series

November 2, 2022 | 7pm

### The Hopes and Challenges of Black Democrats

The majority of Black Democrats lean toward the center, with the remainder almost equally divided between the right and left. What are the hopes and challenges of Black Democrats within their party?

Recommended Reading: *Steadfast Democrats: How Social Forces Shape Black Political Behavior* by Ismail K. White and Chryl N. Laird

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Find the Entire Workshop Schedule Here





### Combating Settler Colonial Injustice: Performativity, Possibility, and Land Acknowledgements in Academia

Sponsored by the First Nations Collective located in UVM Center for Education and Social Services

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Tria Blu Wakpa

**Wed, Nov 2, 2022 | 5-6pm**

*UVM Davis Center, Livak Ballroom*

*no registration required | virtual option not available*

**JOIN US! | NOV. 1 - 2,  
2022 KILLINGTON, VT**



*Thriving Rural Communities: Navigating  
An Ever Evolving Landscape*

**Fall 2022 NE Rural Health  
Conference**

**More Scholarships are Available**

**Scholarship Applications due to John  
Olson for pre-approval by Wed, Oct  
26, 2022 | 12pm, noon**

**Scholarship Application is Here**

*Killington, VT*

**Learn More**



**Introduction to  
Collective Impact  
and the  
Backbone Role**

**ONLINE WORKSHOP**

**Dec 12 - 13, 2022 - Online**

## COVID Booster Information Session

Wednesday, October 26th | 6pm

NAACP Windham County and the Department of Health have once again partnered to bring people a COVID Booster Q&A for the community. All are invited.

[FB page for English](#) (ASL is available if requested.)

[FB page for Spanish](#)

Zoom Link

If you are just getting started doing collective impact work and are looking for an overview of the approach and role of the backbone, we invite you to join us for our online workshop, **"Introduction to Collective Impact and the Backbone Role."** This session sold out when we held it earlier this fall, and we're excited to host it for a second time this December.

This virtual workshop includes a half-day training providing an overview of the basic elements of the collective impact approach, and a one-hour faculty coaching hour to answer more of your questions.

## Workshop Date and Time

### Introduction to Collective Impact and the Backbone Role:

December 12, 2022 – 1:00pm – 4:30pm

### Coaching Hour with Workshop Faculty:

December 13, 2022 – 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Learn More



12th Annual Farm to Plate Network Gathering



Collective Impact Action Summit: Exploring and

**Nov 10, 2022 | 8am - 8pm**

This year's Gathering is all about "Cultivating Connections." Coming out of the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic, the desire to reconnect in-person runs deep. With global events intensifying fissures in our society, supply chains, and the climate, more than ever, we need approaches, models, programs, and innovation spanning the private and public sectors that bring people together to strengthen the environmental, social, and economic fabric of our food system.

**Killington Grand Resort  
228 E Mountain Road  
Killington, VT**

[Learn More](#)

**Sharing Equity Strategies**

**April 25 - 27, 2023**

**Call for Proposals**

**Submission Deadline:  
November 7, 2022**

Do you have a session that you would like to share with over 1,000 backbone leaders, community partners, funders, and other collective impact practitioners during the virtual 2023 Collective Impact Action Summit? Do you have experiences and advice that you would like to share with the broader field?

[Learn More](#)

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## JOIN THE NEWSLETTER!

***Do you want to add  
to the newsletter?***

Do you have an opportunity to share with the statewide collaborative?

Please email [caikman@vtpha.org](mailto:caikman@vtpha.org) with the information!

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