

Community Wellbeing Initiative – Workplan through 9.30.21

The Workplan Items below outline the deliverables based on the attached *United Way Prevention Center of Excellence* Grant to the Town of Richmond.

Grant Overall Objective:

Tri-Town Community Prevention and Well-Being Capacity Building and Planning Initiative will work with community stakeholders, including town Selectboards in the Bolton, Huntington, and Richmond communities, parents, youth, school leadership, service providers, and the Chittenden Prevention Network to draft a plan for a sustainable, embedded prevention coalition. The plan will focus on strengthening current programs, creating accessible communication, building greater capacity and expanding community efforts that achieve overall well-being for youth and families through creating a thriving community for all as outlined in all three Town Plans.

Grant Category	Activities and Deliverables
A- Planning	Develop a plan to create a community wellbeing and prevention network for the Tri-Town area including a coordinating position.
	Deliverable 1: Wellbeing Position Description with up to 3 options for hiring and supervision.
	Deliverable 2: Outline of future steps for creating the community wellbeing and prevention network aligned with the Chittenden Prevention Network based on at least 3 interviews with Chittenden Prevention Network members.
	Deliverable 3: Establish an operating budget for the Wellbeing Position to make visible, track, and take action to improve community wellbeing, while leveraging the interconnections of the Towns and other local assets.
B - Strengthen Prevention and Wellbeing	Build on the successful Strengthening Families Program (SFP 10-14), currently well established at Camels Hump Middle School to increase capacity for community-based program offerings during the upcoming school year and into the future. Advance planning for place-based initiatives based on need, and as identified through community engagement processes below. For example, 5-year plan for creating a wellbeing offering space after school at Camel’s Hump for youth and families, including intergenerational activities with the Community Senior Center.
	Deliverable 1: Hold 1 SFP facilitator training with outreach to families in all of the 3 towns. Specific outreach to low-income and marginalized groups encouraged.
C - Promote Community-wide Connection and Resources	Connect and convene community members in small conversation circles. Generate ideas and feedback on previous data from gap analysis results, Vermont Youth Project data and United Way youth data on substance use. Complete a comparison of Jericho and Underhill resources to determine steps necessary to build alignment throughout the town resources in the Chittenden East area. Engagement with the MMUUSD Community Engagement Committee to promote school board and town/selectboard shared planning for community wellbeing.
	Deliverable 1: Hold 2 standardized Community Conversations per town by Sept. 30th to identify family desires, needs and concerns. Present DASH and VYP data, and then discuss wellness needs with community members.

	Deliverable 2: Engage Youth Leaders in Community Conversations and strategic planning process.
	Deliverable 3: Submit a planning document that identifies alignment and gap areas in the MMUUSD towns as well as next steps for Richmond, Bolton and Huntington to become better aligned with Jericho and Underhill in offering preventions and wellbeing resources to their communities
D - Communication	Link established mutually-reinforcing programs and activities to form a network of resources for community members focused on prevention and wellbeing. Initial implementation will look at local and national models that are simple and effective that do not lock the town into any long-term obligations.
	Deliverable 1: Identify and connect to a cloud-based tool allowing families/residents of all three towns to easily find local resources. Ensure connectivity to town websites and flexibility to align with the future Chittenden Prevention Network resource system and United Way as desired. This is a no-cost deliverable.
	Explore possibility of repeating VYP type survey to have pre and post COVID data on MMUUSD 7th-12th grade risk and protective factors on substance use and emotional wellbeing.

Anticipated action items from selectboard:

- Request CCRPC to facilitate a meeting with members of the selectboards from Richmond, Bolton and Huntington in mid to late September to review the Community Wellbeing position description and budget options developed through this work.
- Richmond selectboard decide on 1-year trial of position based on presented budget and description.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this work.