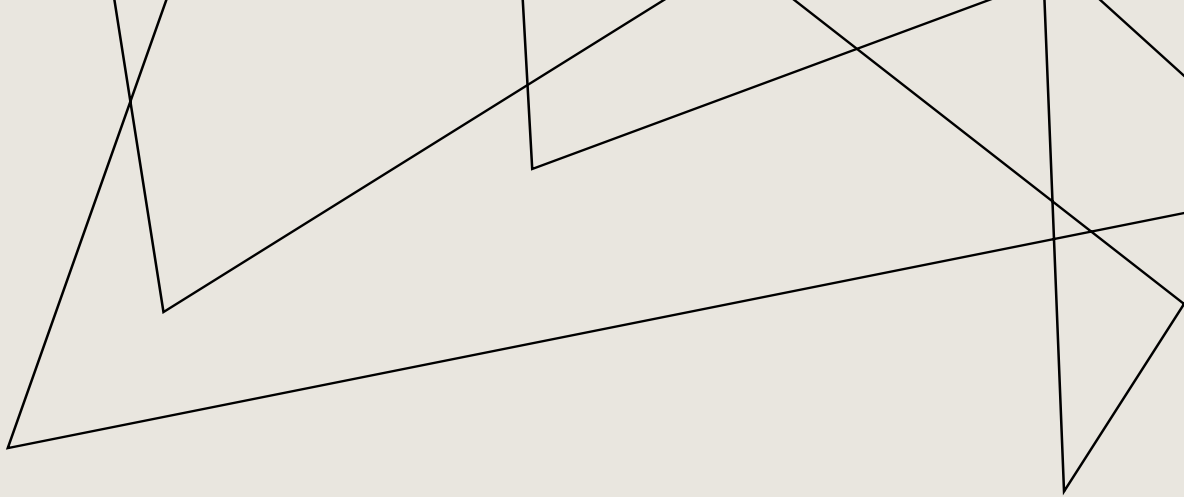




VERMONT PREVENTION LEAD ORGANIZATION REGION 2

ADDISON & RUTLAND COUNTIES



AGENDA

- High-Level Overview
- Highlights
- Challenges
- Funding Impacts

HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW



Launch of VPLO
Region 2



Ongoing Creation &
Evolution of
Foundational Pieces



Trainings & Education
Opportunities



Strengthening
Community Capacity



HIGHLIGHTS

- Foundational Growth
- Regional Approaches
- Decision-Making Structures
- Embedding Prevention
- Expansion of Partnerships
- Building Capacity
- Community Outreach & Education

CHALLENGES

1. Lack of 501c3 Prevention Coalitions
2. Historically Siloed Counties
3. Varying Levels of Knowledge, Experience, and Capacity

TYPES OF VPLO FUNDED PROGRAMMING

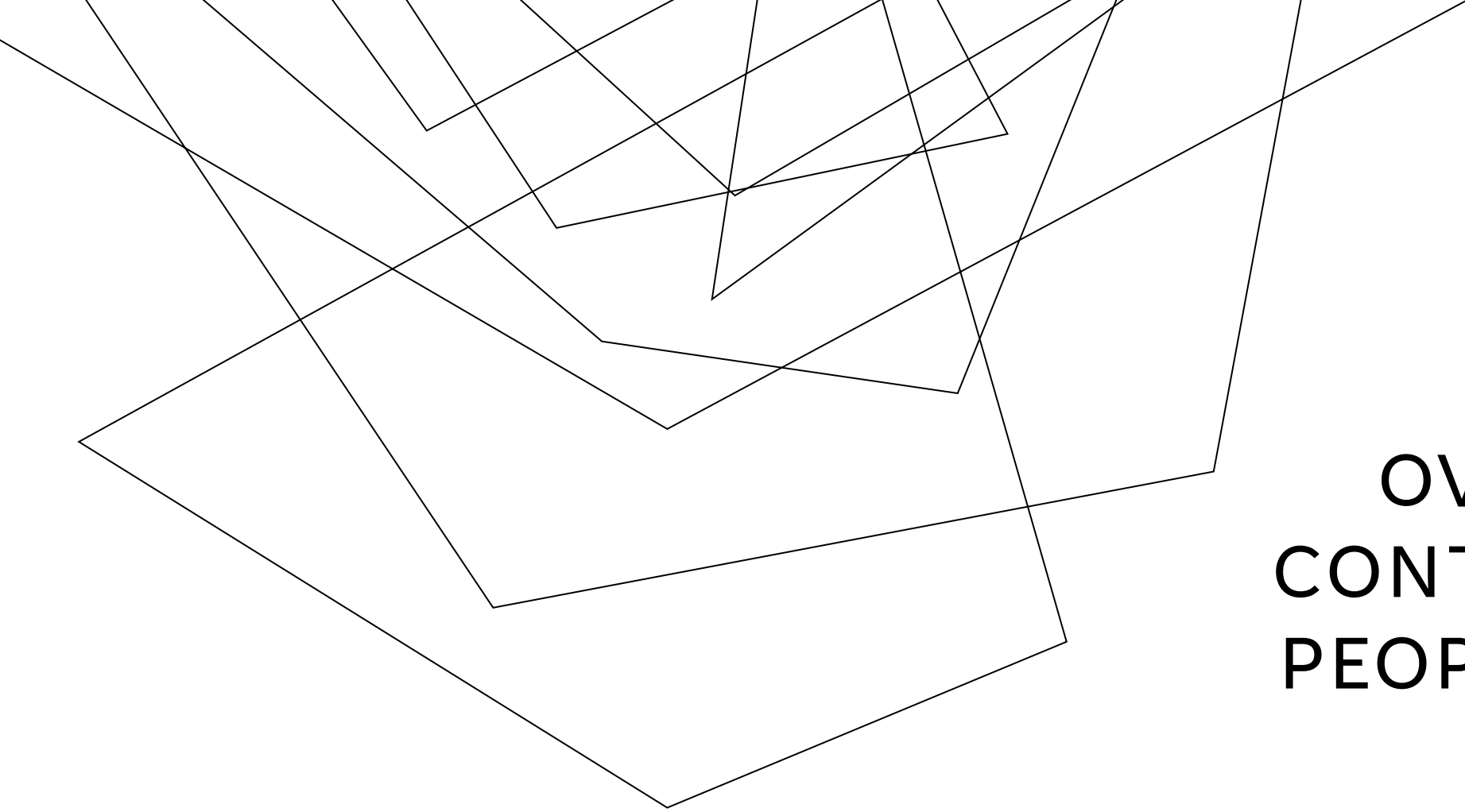
- Teen Leadership & Empowerment Opportunities
- Peer Support Groups
- Affinity Spaces
- Inclusive Third Spaces
- Trauma-Responsive Trainings, Workshops, & Conferences
- Writers For Recovery Workshops
- Patient-Centered SBIRT
- Substance Free Spaces/Groups
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POPULATIONS REACHED THROUGH VPLO FUNDED PROGRAMMING

- Students (K-12th Grade): In School and After School Settings
- Older Vermonters and Their Caregivers
- Vermonters who are Unhoused: In the Streets and In the Shelters
- LGBTQIA2S+ Vermonters of all ages
- Helping Professionals & First Respond



49 TOWNS REACHED
IN FY 25 OUT OF 51
TOWNS ACROSS
REGION 2

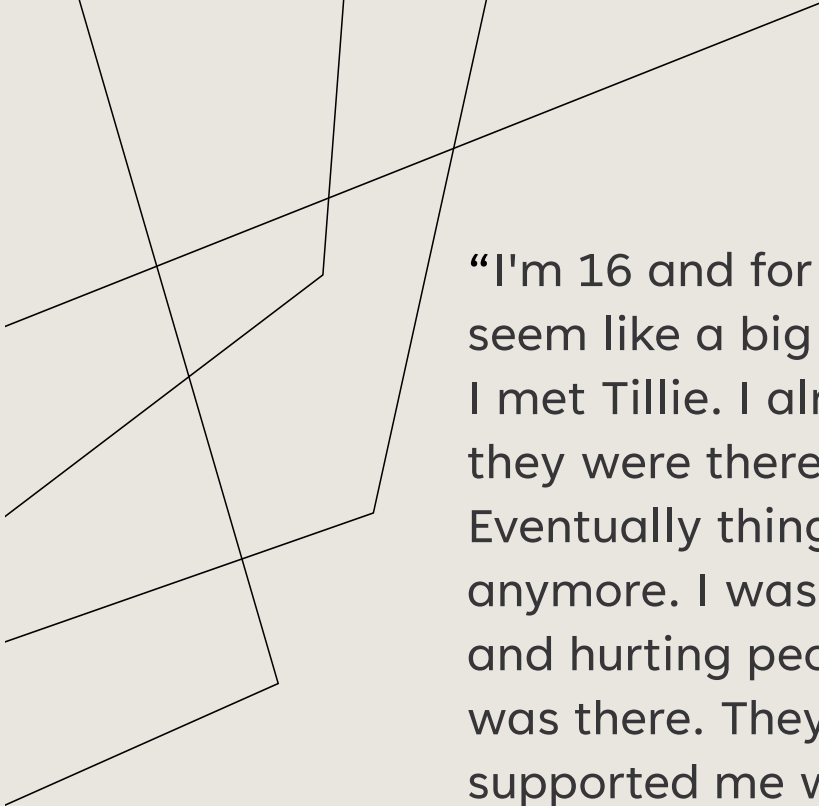
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**OVER 9,500
CONTACTS WITH
PEOPLE IN FY 25**



“We see everyday the
essential role prevention
can play in the health of
our community.
These funds will
profoundly extend our
mission and our work.”

-Region 2 Awardee



“I'm 16 and for a while I was dealing with drug use. At first it didn't seem like a big deal, I was just experimenting. That's around the time I met Tillie. I already kind of knew them and they always made it clear they were there if I ever needed help.

Eventually things got worse, and I realized I wasn

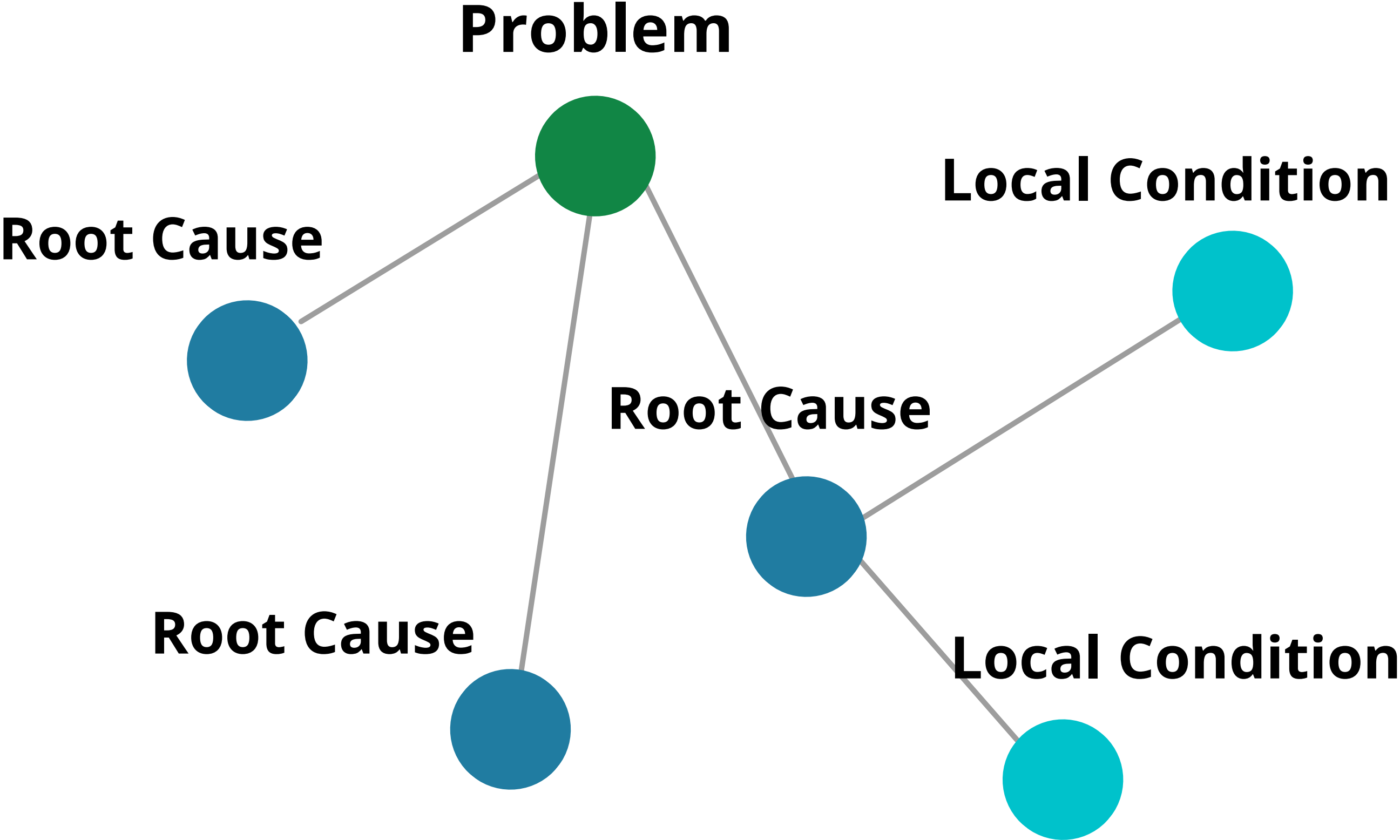
THANK YOU!

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Framing the Issue



**Why are
youth using
tobacco?**



**But why are
youth using
tobacco
*here?***



