

Tobacco Prevention Grant FY27 Awardees

Abenaki Circle of Courage, Inc.

Representing the St. Francis/Sokoki Band of Missisquoi Bay, Abenaki Circle of Courage will continue its efforts to strengthen youth nicotine prevention education and outreach by embedding cultural relevance, tradition and community connection into programming in northwestern Vermont.

The organization's work will continue to focus on providing enrichment-based "third-space" opportunities and supporting community-driven approaches that promote youth well-being. This includes offering art-based healing practices, after-school programming, and summer camp experiences that foster positive youth development, cultural engagement and healthy decision-making

Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community

Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community is a substance use prevention coalition serving Vermont's largest city. Throughout the coming year, their work will focus on the development and implementation of a youth-led, adult-supported, evidence-based tobacco and nicotine prevention program within the Burlington School District. Through peer education, engagement and leadership development, youth will increase their understanding of the risks associated with tobacco and nicotine use, strengthen healthy decision-making skills and elevate youth voice in local prevention efforts.

The Collaborative

The Collaborative supports tobacco and nicotine prevention and treatment services across Bennington and Windsor Counties. The organization works to reduce tobacco and nicotine use by strengthening local prevention efforts, expanding access to cessation resources and supporting healthier community environments.

Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition

Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition, based at Northwestern Medical Center, works to reduce tobacco and nicotine use through youth prevention, community engagement and collaboration with municipalities. The coalition focuses on strengthening local policies and environments that support healthier choices and improve overall community health across Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

Healthy Lamoille Valley

Healthy Lamoille Valley is a coalition of individuals and community organizations working collaboratively to reduce youth substance use and support healthy, substance-free choices. The coalition focuses on prevention efforts that promote youth well-being through education, community engagement and local partnerships.

Public Health Response to Research

Public Health Response to Research Ltd., formed in 2024, will continue its work to reduce the harms associated with tobacco and nicotine use by educating Vermonters and policymakers on findings from its school vape confiscation and laboratory testing project. This work will provide valuable data on products being used by youth and help inform prevention, education and policy efforts across Vermont.

Outright Vermont

Outright Vermont is dedicated to creating healthy, supportive environments where all youth can thrive. By strengthening key protective factors—such as positive community connections, trusted support systems and youth engagement and empowerment—Outright Vermont helps prevent and reduce youth substance use. Their work focuses on addressing underlying drivers of risk, including social isolation, chronic stress and experiences of community rejection.

Windham County Prevention Partnership

The Windham County Prevention Partnership, comprised of three prevention coalitions, works collaboratively to promote wellness and prevent substance use among youth and young adults throughout Windham County. The partnership strengthens local prevention efforts by supporting education, community engagement and coordinated strategies that encourage healthy, substance-free lifestyles.

Winooski Partnership for Prevention

The Winooski Partnership for Prevention is a community-based coalition dedicated to promoting health and well-being in Winooski through education, community engagement, youth empowerment and policy change. The coalition works to prevent youth substance use, including nicotine use, by supporting informed decision-making and fostering healthier community environments.