

Finding Community Partners at Dartmouth

Dartmouth Health Center for Advancing Rural Health Equity (CARHE)

In January 2022, a group of Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Health, and community leaders came together to lay the foundation for CARHE. The group grappled with the fact that Northern New England rural populations experience worse outcomes compared to urban counterparts. Despite the international reputation held by Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Health researchers, educators, and clinicians, local populations often do not receive the health care they need, nor do they live in conditions that promote optimal health.

CARHE was created to bring researchers, clinicians, and educators together with community experts to work and learn together, to make sure that people in rural areas have the chance to live healthy lives.

CARHE supports community engaged partnerships to advance health and health equity. Examples of CARHE activities include: learning and training sessions to increase knowledge about health equity, rural health, and evidence-based interventions to improve partnerships; project management for health-equity focused improvements; and advocacy efforts in support of rural health.

CARHE can provide support to clinicians, researchers, and student service learners seeking advice about community-based experts in our region and high-quality engagement practices.

Identifying and Engaging Community Partners

CARHE is committed to supporting partnerships, bringing people together to work, learn, and advocate for change so people living in rural areas have the chance to be as healthy as possible. CARHE can support members of the community seeking an academic partner and academic persons searching for a community partner.



The CARHE team has developed an extensive network of community experts, clinicians, educators and researchers. CARHE is able to help make connections, matching people and organizations with shared interests and goals.

To request assistance from the CARHE team, please visit the CARHE site (<https://www.dartmouth-health.org/carhe>), select “How to get involved” and complete the brief request form located at Partner with us.

Researchers seeking support for proposals should review the criteria for CARHE support.

<https://www.dartmouth-health.org/sites/default/files/2025-01/carhe-guidelines-research-project-support.pdf>

Identifying potential Community Based Organization (CBO) partners

Most CBOs have some presence on the internet and update contacts and service offerings on their web pages. To find community services in NH or VT that may be interested in working on a scholarly project, use NH or VT plus relevant search terms below. A link to listings of state-provided and/or state-sponsored services is also provided and leads to lists and contacts for a wide array of relevant programs and services in each state. This list is not exhaustive and will be occasionally updated.



Focus Area	Suggested/Starter Search Terms	
	NH (preface search with 'NH')	VT (preface search with 'VT')
Needs of families/parents/ child development	Family Resource Center; DCYF Child Protective Services; NH State-Sponsored services	Parent Child Center; VT State Sponsored Services
Persons with physical/ developmental disabilities	Area Agency; children with special needs; NH State Sponsored Services	Area Agency; children with special needs; VT State-Sponsored Services
Needs of older adults	Area Council on Aging; Senior Centers; NH State Sponsored Services	Area Council on Aging; Senior Centers; VT State-Sponsored Services
Needs of persons affected by poverty	Listen Community Services; Community Action Program; Town Human Services, Town Welfare; NH State Sponsored Services	Listen Community Services, Upper Valley Haven; Community Action Program; VT State-Sponsored Services
Needs of persons involved in the criminal justice system	Restorative Justice; Diversion; Legal Aid / Legal Assistance; Alternative Courts (Drug, Mental Health, Family Treatment); County House of Corrections; State Prison; victims advocates; CASA; NH State Sponsored Services	Restorative Justice; Diversion; Legal Aid / Legal Assistance; Alternative Courts (Drug, Mental Health, Family Treatment); County House of Corrections; State Prison; victims advocates; CASA; VT State-Sponsored Services



Needs of persons affected by mental health / behavioral health needs &/or suicide crisis	Community mental health center; psychiatry; peer support agencies; state psychiatric hospital; counseling services; mobile behavioral health crisis; 988 crisis services; suicide prevention; NAMI-NH; Mental Health First Aid; CONNECT Suicide prevention/postvention; NH State Sponsored Services	Community mental health center; psychiatry; peer support agencies; state psychiatric hospital; counseling services; mobile behavioral health crisis; 988 crisis services; suicide prevention; NAMI-VT; Mental Health First Aid; VT State-Sponsored Services
Needs of persons affected by substance use disorders	NH Doorways; Substance use disorder treatment; intensive outpatient program; residential SUD treatment; opioid use disorder treatment; MAT and/or MOUD treatment; harm reduction services; syringe services program; peer recovery; recovery centers; recovery coaching; naloxone / opioid overdose response; substance misuse prevention coordinators / prevention networks; NH State Sponsored Services	VT Helplink; VT Hub and Spoke system; Substance use disorder treatment; intensive outpatient program; residential SUD treatment; opioid use disorder treatment; MAT and/or MOUD treatment; harm reduction services; syringe services / safe needle disposal program; recovery support; peer recovery support; community and school prevention services; recovery centers; recovery coaching; naloxone / opioid overdose response; VT State-Sponsored Services ; and state-supported treatment



Needs of pregnant, birthing, and post-partum persons	Pre-natal clinical care; post-partum clinical care; FQHC; labor and delivery hospitals; birthing centers; doula services; NH Perinatal Quality Collaborative (NH PQC); Northern New England Quality Improvement Network (NNEPQIN); Family Resource Center / Home Visiting Services; WIC; lactation / breastfeeding support; NH State Sponsored Services	Pre-natal clinical care; post-partum clinical care; FQHC; labor and delivery hospitals; birthing centers; doula services; VT Perinatal Quality Collaborative (VT PQC); Northern New England Quality Improvement Network (NNEPQIN); Parent Child Center / Home Visiting Services; WIC; lactation / breastfeeding support; VT State-Sponsored Services
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