

## FY2009 CHAMPPS Grant Recipients

**Essex CHIPS** **\$50,000**  
**(Essex Town, Essex Junction, Westford)**

This coalition has been primarily focused on tobacco and substance abuse, and has both community tobacco control and New Directions funding. The coalition wants to broaden its focus to include physical activity and nutrition. Work plan includes:

- Looking at existing assessments that have already been done in the community
- Hiring a consultant to do the physical activity/nutrition assessment
- Developing a strategic plan based on assessment results

**Fit and Healthy Kids Coalition of Windham County** **\$50,000**  
**(Windham County)**

This coalition's mission is to engage the community in raising fit and healthy children. They have done an assessment on physical activity and nutrition in the past and have developed a strategic plan to address identified issues. Work plan includes:

- Developing an RFP to solicit proposals from towns interested in working on physical activity and nutrition
- Selecting four towns that appear ready and engaged to take on this work
- Using the YMCA Community Healthy Living Index (CHLI) as their assessment tool. This is a validated, comprehensive tool that helps communities identify where they are in terms of opportunities for supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

**Town of Milton Recreation Department** **\$50,000**  
**(Milton)**

The Town of Milton applied for CHAMPPS funding in 2007, but was not successful. An ad hoc group has been working over the past two years to implement nutrition and physical activity programs. Work plan includes:

- Creating a Milton Health Advisory Group, comprised of opinion leaders and community members.
- Hiring a consultant to do the needs assessment using a VDH endorsed assessment tool.

**Green Mountain United Way  
(Washington County)**

**\$50,000**

This organization's mission is to mobilize the caring power of the community. They conducted a community assessment in 2004 and will work with the organizations and information collected during that assessment to avoid duplication. They work closely with the Central Vermont Coalition for Health, which was created in response to the lack of communication among community health providers and to emphasize shared accountability for community health. Work plan includes:

- Developing a health collaborative within each supervisory union that will link with the Central Vermont Coalition for Health
- Conducting an assessment, specifically targeting parents of young children
- Holding a community forum to discuss assessment findings and identify root causes of barriers and gaps.

**Health Connections of the Upper Valley, Inc.  
(Royalton, Sharon, and Strafford)**

**\$50,000**

This coalition works closely with the primary care providers at the South Royalton Health Center. They are already in the process of conducting a broad-based community assessment of the Orange-Windsor Supervisory Union. Work plan includes:

- Establishing a physical activity and nutrition specific coalition consisting of community members interested in this issue.
- Conducting an assessment using VDH endorsed tools.
- Developing a work plan based on assessment results

**Franklin/Grand Isle Community Partnership  
(Franklin and Grand Isle Counties)**

**\$50,000**

This partnership, which is the AHS Regional Partnership for this area, includes coalitions with a background in addressing tobacco and substance abuse. They have an overarching goal to have 50% of partnership organizations implement at least one prevention initiative. Work plan includes:

- Assessing partnership to identify underrepresented segments of the population
- Conducting a Community Capacity Assessment
- Developing a five year work plan