

There are 90 adults and 28 children experiencing homelessness in our area. Below, you will find three short educational videos. We hope you will choose the most relevant one to play at your next public meeting.

Those 60 and older may [sign up for vaccination appointments](#) starting on Thursday, and those 50 and older may sign up starting on 3/29.

Sharing priority

Cures for Cabin Fever: The days are getting longer and the end of the pandemic is in sight, but we have a few months left before those long, lazy days of summer. Join area mental health experts as they help you with four practical ways to take care of yourself and your family through this spring.

- [Register here.](#)
- Thursday, March 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Questions: gstefanski@CapstoneVT.org or (802) 730-2720.

Short videos for a healthy community

Please consider **sharing** one or all of these short videos at your next meeting, especially if community members attend.

- [How naloxone saves lives in opioid overdoses.](#) Businesses, organizations, and individuals can get naloxone (Narcan) for free from [North Central Vermont Recovery Center](#).
- The first [Sara Asks](#) from Vermont's Department of Health answers questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and pregnancy, breastfeeding, and fertility. The video is in other languages [here](#).
- [How to use fentanyl drug test strips to prevent overdose.](#)

Opportunities

Summer nature camps at Lamoille County Nature Center:

- Forest Fairy Camp (Ages 4-5): June 28- July 2, 8:00-12:00
- Sensory Superpowers (Age 5-8): July 5-9, 9:00-3:00
- Wild in the Wilderness (Ages 8-12): July 12-16, 9:00-3:00

Registration forms and information, [click here](#).

Grants for farmers: NOFA-VT is accepting grant applications from farmers to enhance projects that will improve long term resilience on farms, with an additional reserved pool of funds from [King Arthur Baking Company](#) specifically to address resilience needs in the BIPOC farming community.

- Maximum \$2,500 per farm
- Competitive review process.
- Deadline 3/31, 4PM
- For information and application, [click here](#).
- Questions: Bill@nofavt.org or (802) 434-7154

Shared Living Provider (SLP) program from Green Mountain Support Services is based on a “shared life” approach to providing quality care and supports. The program unites trained, compensated caregivers who want to share their homes with individuals who need assistance with daily living. Shared Living Providers create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to live with a single person, couple, or family in the community. To learn more about this program, [click here](#).

Survey for Vermont High School Students: from Senator Bernie Sanders:

“After such a difficult year, you deserve a great summer. Thanks to the passage of the American Rescue Plan, there will be a historic investment in summer opportunities for you. To make sure these opportunities match what you need, I want to hear directly from you about how you want to spend summer 2021.” [Please click here](#) to fill out this survey.

Overdose Prevention Training

For community members:

Learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose and reduce overdose risks with Vermont CARES. Attend a 90 minute, interactive presentation if you work with people who may be at risk, have family members and loved ones living with substance

use disorder, are in active use, or are an interested community member. What you'll learn:

- Signs of an opioid overdose
- Overdose risk and prevention tips
- What is Naloxone, how it works, and how to use it
- What is fentanyl and how to use fentanyl test strips
- Digital stories shared by people with lived experience addressing stigma

To schedule a training: 802-528-1139 or martina@vtcares.org

For providers and helping professionals:

Vermont CARES is offering a 90 minute training for public health, public safety, and harm reduction professionals to provide support to people who use opioids and other drugs. Learn more about engaging people as part of a path to wellness:

- Stories from people with lived experience
- Intro to harm reduction & syringe service programs
- Breaking down barriers to care
- Addressing stigma
- Local and state resources

To schedule a training: 802-528-1139 or email martina@vtcares.org. Offered in conjunction with ADAP.

Copley Hospital updates

- Continually expanding community vaccination clinics. [Register here](#) or call (855) 722-7878. Starting March 31st, the COVID clinics will be held at the VFW in Morrisville.
- Drive-thru COVID testing clinics six days a week. Call 802-888-8888 for appointment.
- Updated visitor policy: Fully vaccinated individuals may visit hospital patients. Visitors must be 14 days from their final vaccination and have proof of vaccine.

Community meetings

[Lamoille Chamber of Commerce:](#)

- Final Legislative Update:

- Monday 3/29, 8-9:30 AM
- Hear directly from your local Legislators
- [register here](#) & email questions to executivedirector@lamoillechamber.com
- Annual meeting and awards:
 - Monday 4/26, 2 PM
 - guest speaker Dr. Benjamin Ola. Akande, President of Champlain College
 - [register here](#)

[Racial Equity Alliance of Lamoille \(REAL\)](#)

- Next Community Coalition Conversation: 4/14, 5-6:30, REALamoilleVT@gmail.com
- Next Communication & Action subcommittee meeting: 4/21, 5-6, realcommunityVT@gmail.com

[Vermont Council on Rural Development](#)

- Vermont Community Resource Providers final meeting
- 3/24, 1-2:30
- Guest speaker: Governor Phil Scott, who will speak on recovery and where we are as a state.
- Questions or link: info@vtrural.org

Three news items

- [Vermont ranks second for number of low-income students eating breakfast at school](#)
- [The collaborative approach our housing partners have taken to reduce the effects of homelessness.](#)
- [The pandemic has hit women's employment hard.](#) Over 60% of those filing unemployment claims are women, a 542% increase since last year.



LAH²S-RCC

Lamoille Area Health and Human Services
Response Command Center

What is LAH2S-RCC and what is the email?

LAH2S-RCC stands for the Lamoille Area Health and Human Services Response Command Center. This is a group of more than 30 area health and human services organizations that came together at the start of the pandemic to set and achieve goals to better serve our Lamoille+ area.

- This newsletter goes out weekly to approximately 600 area leaders.

- The [United Way of Lamoille County resource page](#) is continually updated with local and state information.
- We can be found on [Facebook](#) and Instagram @LAH2SRCC.
- We have a monthly column in the newspaper.