The Windham County Consortium on Substance Use is an organized, collaborative body, consisting of community members, members from partner organizations and people who are most impacted by substance use and overdose death. COSU works across the span of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery to identify and fund projects that respond to the impacts of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and the underlying social determinants that are the contributors to its cause.

### How Do We Do It?

**Harm Reduction**
- **Expand** syringe services programming county-wide
- **Improve** Naloxone distribution and training
- **Explore** and increase safe-use best practice
- **Train and support** safe-use ambassadors
- **Support** families with multi-generational approach to harm reduction and prevention

**Restorative Justice**
- **Support** and enhance restorative-justice options
- **Pursue** Windham Co. Family Drug Treatment Court
- **Improve** recovery and treatment supports for families impacted by the Dept. of Children and Families

**Trading Discrimination for Dignity**
- **Trainings** and professional development for all
- **Story-driven** community events and art
- **Advocacy** opportunities for those in recovery
- **Enhance** Brattleboro Retreat’s Stand Up to Stigma Campaign
- **Build** empathy, compassion and education among first responders and healthcare
- **Increase** county-wide satellite locations for treatment and recovery related supports
- **Increase** support groups throughout county and accross spectrum of harm reduction and recovery

**Social Determinants of Health**
- **Sustain** COVID emergency housing supports
- **Engage** community in eviction prevention efforts and landlord relationship building
- **Develop** county-wide trauma-informed coordination and messaging
- **Support** recovery-ready employment opportunities
- **Support** substance-use disorder workforce development efforts
- **Advocate** for transportation for treatment/recovery
COSU leverages the collaboration of organizational partners while centering the voices of people most impacted by SUD to end overdose deaths, create dignity and compassion, cultivate connection and create meaningful systems change.

Organizational Members Include:

Interested in joining our work?
Outcome Circles meet virtually on a monthly basis. Contact us for a list of times and links!

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