



WE ARE DART!

DART is a grassroots movement in the greater St. Johnsbury, Vermont area dedicated to inspiring a compassionate response to community members who use and abuse alcohol & drugs, and a like response to their families, friends, and neighbors. We recognize that this is a community-wide issue.

We plan to make a difference in changing the face of RX misuse & addiction of all types, and improve our community in so many ways thru the process.

GOALS:

- To encourage all facets of our community to participate openly and honestly in dialogue regarding gaps in service and pathways to Recovery
- To organize community action, including the participation of area agencies, churches, the medical community and all involved to secure adequate resources for the recovery of individuals and their families.
- To influence policymakers to return to a public health model rather than the current model of punishment and criminalization.
- To advocate for public policies and funding that supports local community independence and peer-led Recovery
- To spread our message of a compassionate response to addiction & recovery to other communities around the state, sharing what works, and thus developing a network of compassionate action and community unity.

STRATEGIES:

- To hold public forums for the purpose of encouraging open dialogue among all sectors of the community.
- To develop more and better educational, treatment and recovery resources.
- To utilize the media in order to spread the DART message of compassionate, grassroots involvement in order to develop solutions on a state-wide level
- To meet with local legislators, citizens, those in Recovery, the Medical community, town & school officials, etc., to engage in the process of building a more caring community: to take what we develop to the Governor's Summit; share it, hone it, and grow it.

3 SUB COMMITTEES:

- Prevention and Youth: Regional Prevention Partner; mentoring, schools, Youth Advisory Council; Neighborhood Groups
- Treatment and Recovery: housing, hub and spoke, job support
- Corrections and Justice: (Intervention Team) Reentry work, treatment while incarcerated, work force and job sharing as well as transitional housing – to collaborate with Treatment and Recovery committee – goal to reduce police response due to substance use.

MEETINGS:

2nd Tuesday of the month; 6-8 PM United Community Church; 1325 Main St. (upstairs parlor) – St. Johnsbury
Dinner starts at 6 PM.