

White River Jct Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Northern Windsor and Southern Orange Counties. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction.

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Meeting the Needs of Families with Children



- Our WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutritionists served more than 650 people in our district with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and accessing a debit card to buy healthy foods like fruit and vegetables.
- Nurses in our Family and Child Health and School Liaison Programs worked with healthcare providers, childcare centers, schools, and libraries to promote child health through safe sleep, optimal parenting, school success, and more.

Increasing Oral Health Care Access

Our Chronic Disease Specialist brings together dental and public health workers through the Upper Valley Oral Health Workgroup to address barriers to dental care access. In September 2025, the group teamed up with dental providers, the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps, and a local Rotary Club to organize a free Dental Care Pop-up Clinic in Hartford. This clinic provided dental care to individuals who typically cannot access it.



Helping to Lessen the Climate's Impact on Health



- Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist has supported cooling and warming shelters during times of extreme weather.
- We facilitate water testing year-round, but especially during floods.
- Our staff organized community events at senior centers to share tips on how people can protect themselves from diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes.

Supporting Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

Vermont's Prevention Lead Organization gave over \$800,000 to 18 groups in Orange, Windsor, Windham, and Bennington Counties. In the White River Junction Health District, groups like the Hartford Community Coalition, the Clara Martin Center, Second Growth, and the Valley Court Diversion Programs used the funds to support things like a youth center, youth diversion classes, and school programs.



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