

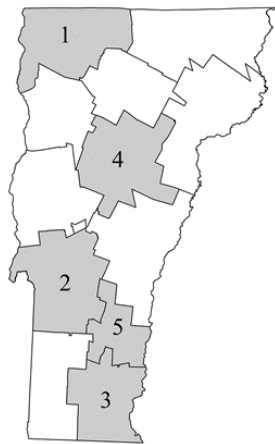
The Vermont Department of Health, Division of Substance Use Programs (DSU) supports statewide substance use prevention strategies by subgranting a five-year, \$5 million grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP) grant.

KEY POINTS

- **\$5 million, 5-year grant from SAMHSA**
- **Substance use prevention and reduction strategies supporting 36,349 youth and young adults in Vermont**

What is the Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP) grant?

Vermont's Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP) coordinates a statewide and regional approach to prevent and reduce alcohol and cannabis use by youth and young adults. Statewide efforts include coordination of training, technical assistance, prevention messaging and prevention capacity-building strategies.



Of [Vermont's 12 health regions](#), 5 are funded through the RPP grant:

- **Region 1:** St. Albans (Franklin and Grand Isle Counties)
- **Region 2:** Rutland (Rutland County)
- **Region 3:** Brattleboro (part of Windham County)
- **Region 4:** Barre (most of Washington County and parts of Orange County)
- **Region 5:** Springfield (half of Windsor County and some of Windham County)

These regions are home to 13,648 youth in grades 9-12 (age 13-17) and 22,701 young adults (age 18-25) for whom the strategies are focused.

What are the goals of the RPP grant?

1. To build, maintain and strengthen the state, regional and community level infrastructure capacity needed to address substance use and misuse prevention and intervention across Vermont, and
2. To prevent and reduce underage drinking, binge drinking, underage cannabis use and cannabis misuse among youth and young adults.

What are some examples of RPP grant strategies?

- Young adult substance use prevention activities in coordination with higher education institutions and employers

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- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth and young adults substance use prevention activities in coordination with [Outright Vermont](#) due to the higher rates of substance use and the environmental influences contributing to substance use among this population
- Substance use prevention public messaging development and dissemination that ensures a unified and fact-based message strategy utilizing effective best practices
- Statewide technical assistance and support with 12 local health office prevention consultants who have expertise in substance use prevention strategies

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