



VERMONT YOUTH PROJECT

positive youth development in Vermont communities

The Vermont Youth Project (VYP) is a community-driven collaborative designed to embrace positive youth development at the local level. Communities that participate in the Vermont Youth Project commit to giving youth a voice and creating healthy spaces for youth to be themselves, engage with peers, learn new skills, and connect with caring adults.

The foundation of VYP is data driven. Real-time data is available eight weeks after middle and high school students take an annual survey on risk and protective factors. Based on the data, communities then develop specific localized plans around parent and family engagement, youth voice, increased third space opportunities (which is anytime when youth aren't at home or school), community asset mapping, and more.

VYP is a 5+ year commitment and communities participating in this project receive support from Vermont Afterschool that helps with amplifying, connecting, and refocusing the great programming and efforts already happening in their community as well as identifying new avenues to provide healthy environments and opportunities for youth.

**You're invited to join a virtual parent/youth meeting to explore real-time data from Enosburg youth and discuss community strategies to support positive youth development**



**Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 from 5:30-7:00pm**

**Sign Up Here: <https://bit.ly/EnosburgRegistration>**

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# 2020 LOCAL UPDATES AND SAMPLE SURVEY FINDINGS

## ENOSBURG IS ONE OF SIX COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATING

Enosburg, Fair Haven, Richford, Richmond, Rutland, and Swanton have signed on to a five-year pilot.

## 309 STUDENTS COMPLETED THE SURVEY IN ENOSBURG

The survey participation rate was 88% for 7th-12th grade in Enosburg.

## COMMUNITY GOALS IN YEAR 1

Year 1 goals support increased community engagement and understanding through community meetings.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The VYP community lead and team with support from Vermont Afterschool are presenting survey findings in a variety of settings to engage with community partners, town leadership, schools, parents, and youth.

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**58%**

11th and 12th grade students report having drank alcohol in their lifetime.



**30%**

11th and 12th grade students report staying out past 10pm 3 times or more every week.



**66%**

Youth feel there is a great deal of social life in their community.

**71%**

High school students report their parents know the parents of their friends

**25.5%**

11th and 12th graders report drinking alcohol increases peer respect

**94%**

High school students report it's easy to receive caring and warmth from their parents

**78%**

Youth feel safe in their community



**29%**

11th and 12th grade students use e-cigarettes daily



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