

THRIVE's Progress and Strategic Focus

Executive Summary- March 2026

THRIVE, established in 2017, is a modernized Accountable Community for Health (ACH) serving Washington and northern Orange counties, the region's multisector network of healthcare, government, nonprofit, and community partners uses data and collaborative, coordinated action to address the social drivers of health in central Vermont.

Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) and its executive leadership provide guidance and serve as the backbone organization and fiscal sponsor, establishing THRIVE as a 501(c)(3). THRIVE benefits from CVMC's infrastructure and stewardship of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), using these to guide regional strategy to optimize the social drivers of health in our community. This partnership enables THRIVE to convene partners in a trusted, productive space, to align priorities and collectively address factors that impact health outcomes.

THRIVE's Mission: Convene, connect, and amplify to improve population health in Central Vermont.



THRIVE's Impact

The unified network has a robust history of demonstrating meaningful outcomes:

- COVID-19: Lead a community-based incident command center during the pandemic to mobilize community supports to mitigate the need for acute care services.
- 2020, 2023 and 2024: Collaborative Action Network established to steward our Community Health Needs Assessment ([CHNA](#)) and Community Health Improvement Plan ([CHIP](#)).
- Community Rides Vermont- Gopher incubator.
- 2023 and 2024 flood response community incident command.
- 2023 and 2025 SNAP benefit changes and address food security concerns.
- 2023 awarded a VT Community Health Equity Partnership (CHEP) grant to study impacts in central VT.
- 2024 received the [Public Health Champion Award by the VT Public Health Association](#)
- 2025 activation to assess impact of the federal shutdown and related policy changes.
- 2025 panel presentation at the [UVM Health Equity Summit](#),



Partner Network



2026 Impact to Date

- **Opened 2026 with an energizing community gathering** to affirm mission, vision to address Central Vermont’s top health priorities over the next three years, THRIVE reaffirmed its commitment to leading with unity and cohesion, as guiding principles for improving community health.
- **Adopted CVMC’s 2025 CHNA and CHIP** as the frameworks to guide the collaborative’s focus.
- **Refreshed the Mission and Vision** to reflect region’s needs and opportunities.
- **Focused on governance and long-term sustainability** at the Quarter 1 Board meeting.
- **Addressed an emerging community need** by standing up a Human Rights & Enforcement learning forum with recognition of the diverse resources and expertise across partners, the goal was to increase awareness and share resources.
- **Initiated Collaborative Action Networks**—structured workgroups designed to accelerate CHIP progress by addressing social drivers of health through measurable, community-based action.

CHIP: Four Key Focus Areas

Housing	Rising Cost of Living	Mental Health and Substance Use	Access to Healthcare
Improve the availability of affordable, accessible, and safe housing.	Improve health and quality of life by addressing the impact of the high cost of living.	Strengthening the capacity of the mental health and substance use services system to support individuals and communities.	Increase access to inclusive, equitable, and affordable health care services.



Conclusion

THRIVE remains the region's central convener—a collaborative table where healthcare, government, human services, and nonprofit leaders come together to address complex population-level challenges.

Through shared data, aligned priorities, and coordinated action, THRIVE enables collective impact on the upstream social drivers of health that no single organization can achieve alone.

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