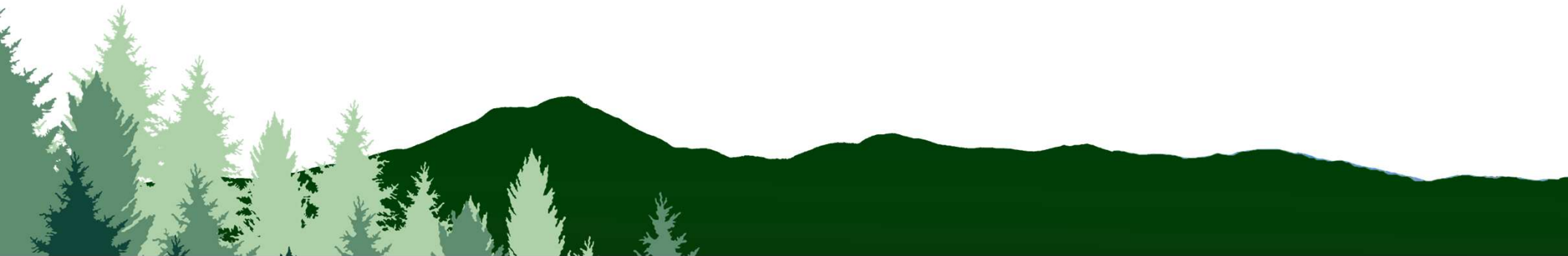


VT CCBHC

Community Needs Assessment

Update for CCBHC Public Meeting

October 8, 2024



CCBHC Community Needs Assessment: Overview



SAMHSA requires that Community Needs Assessment cover these 8 areas:

1. Service Area
2. Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Prevalence
3. Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) & Economy
4. Culture & Languages
5. Underserved Populations
6. Staffing Plan
7. Plan to Update Community Needs Assessment (at least every three years)
8. Plan to Gather Community Input



Required Components:

Quantitative Data Sources

Qualitative Data Sources

Synthesize the Data and Information



States have flexibility to design their Community Needs Assessments in a way that works best for their state. Vermont is seeking input on a Community Needs Assessment Guide that collects feedback from key local partners and underserved communities.



Community Needs Assessments must inform CCBHCs' care model. CCBHCs will use the findings from their Community Needs Assessment to make decisions about their care model, including their services, staffing and daily operations. For example, the Community Needs Assessment may help a CCBHC identify a need to hire additional peers, adjust their hours of operation, or expand the availability of non-English resources at their site to meet their community's needs.

VT's Community Needs Assessment (CNA) Guide

Draft Community Needs Assessment (CNA) Guide:

- Outlines **required components**
- Provides a Template
 - *Tool for organizations to help meet requirements*



VT's CNA Required Components:

Quantitative and Qualitative Data Sources:

- Internal and publicly available state and local data and reports

Input from Community Partners:

- Input gathering with community partners through surveys, interviews and focus groups
 - Includes providers, people in need of services and their family members

Synthesis of Findings:

- Synthesis of input gathering which includes a comprehensive description of their community's needs

Gathering Input from Community Partners

Organizations will be required to detail the input provided through interviews, focus groups, and surveys, including from people with lived experience, family, and other community partners.

- **Required Community Partners:** CCBHCs **must gather input** from Abenaki tribe leaders and nonprofits, residents of the region, FQHCs, people seeking mental health and substance use services and their families, Hub and Spoke Providers, members of their board of directors, Preferred Providers, other local service providers, schools, Specialized Service Agencies, and the Office of Veterans Affairs
- **Encouraged Partners:** CCBHCs will be encouraged to gather input from religious organizations, emergency departments, employers, housing providers, domestic and sexual violence organizations, nonprofits, primary care providers, social services organizations, law enforcement, restorative justice centers, Vermont Department of Corrections, immigrants, asylum seekers, and resettled refugees, individuals and families that have experience with intimate partner violence, and disaster survivors who have experienced serious flooding



Next Steps for VT's CCBHC Community Needs Assessment

Vermont is seeking input on the Draft CNA Guide from community partners before finalizing the Guide in early 2025. Organizations interested in participating in the CCBHC Demonstration will be required to complete the community needs assessment *at least six months prior to certification*.

October 2024

- Share updates on VT's community needs assessment at CCBHC Public Meeting

December 2024

- Update Draft CNA Guide and CNA Rubric based on stakeholder input

September 2024

- Posted [Draft CNA Guide](#) to VT's CCBHC webpage
- Reviewed Draft CNA Guide with VT's Clinical Criteria & Certification Subcommittee for feedback

November 2024

- Review Draft CNA Guide with VT's DMH Adult Mental Health Standing Committee for feedback
- Review Draft CNA Guide with VT's DMH Child, Adolescent, and Family Standing Committee for feedback

January 2024

- Post final CNA Guide and CNA Rubric materials to VT's CCBHC webpage

Feedback and Input from Community Partners on CNA Guide and Requirements

- **Quantitative Data Sources**
 - Additional required data to collect to understand the service needs and gaps of community?
 - What information is most important to identify?
- **Organizations that should be required to collect input from?**
 - Vermont believes it is critical to have robust data on the needs of the underserved and under-represented populations
- **Additional questions to include on surveys, interviews, focus groups?**
- **What challenges might organizations encounter when summarizing findings?**
 - *CNA will inform staffing plan, cultural responsiveness, hours of operation, services, etc.)*
- **What areas of the CNA will organizations need additional guidance?**



Questions?

Please submit any additional feedback or questions on the VT's CCBHC Community Needs Assessment Guide to AHS.DMHQuality@vermont.gov by 11/1/2024.

For additional information on the CCBHC community needs assessment, please see SAMHSA's CCBHC [certification criteria](#) and the National Council for Mental Wellbeing's CCBHC [Community Needs Assessment Toolkit](#).

