

## Coming Together: A Substance Use Addiction Summit

September 30, 2022, Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, Vermont

10:00 to 2:30 Booth events-100 recovery related booths and presentations

3:00 to 4:30 Substance Use Addiction Summit (800 seat capacity and zoom)

### Leadership Team

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**Substance use in Vermont continues to rise with tragic loss, *on a daily basis*. There are incredible efforts and resources dedicated to connecting those who seek help. *We are grateful for everyone who fights this battle every day.***

On **Friday, September 30, 2022**, the *final* day of national recovery month, thousands will gather at the **Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, Vermont**, in an effort to provide education, awareness and hope to the Vermont addiction crisis. This Summit seeks to [expand the awareness of resources](#), [identify the areas of deficiency and bring together stakeholders who normally don't get to network](#). The goal is to integrate and educate on successful efforts that are working for those in crisis and expand these efforts to every corner of Vermont.

The Substance Use Addiction Summit will:

- Encompass several components to reach high goals for success. We are inviting any entity related to recovery to have a booth at the event. *This includes recovery centers across Vermont, law enforcement, judiciary, medical and mental health providers, first responders, Vermont corrections, workforce development, detox availability, insurance providers and much more. Our goal is 100 booths for this event.*
- Provide recovery education through visual displays and in-person interaction
- Provide break out rooms at the event, featuring highly respected experts on a wide variety of recovery oriented topics
- Include a 1.5-hour presentation of substance use statistics, speakers on recovery centers & recovery residences in Vermont, successful law enforcement changes, and with recovery experience, strength and hope
- Promote attendance to our Vermont lawmakers and candidates for office who seek to better educate themselves on substance use disorder.
- Provide models for how long-term recovery methods are being successfully demonstrated in Vermont and how these models can be expanded for greater success.
- Look at gaps in Vermont, county by county, and promote programs and services that are successful to be expanded.

**This event is open to the public.** We urge [anyone](#) who is interested in knowing where resources are for themselves or someone they love, who are battling addiction, to attend. *It is about hope for anyone struggling with substance use, making more resources available statewide and saving lives.*

**Ready to be a sponsor?** Sponsorship for this event covers:

Champlain Valley Exposition Rental

Free booth accessibility to all presenters

Free admission to the public

Marketing, education, promotion

Electronic equipment/zoom

Food vendor assistance/participants

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