

# COALITION BUILDING FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE



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- Susan Evans McClure, VT Arts Council, Executive Director
- Cindy Jerome, Windham Aging, HealthCare Workforce Committee Chair/Consultant

#### **MODERATOR**

• Rachel Shields Ebersole, BDCC



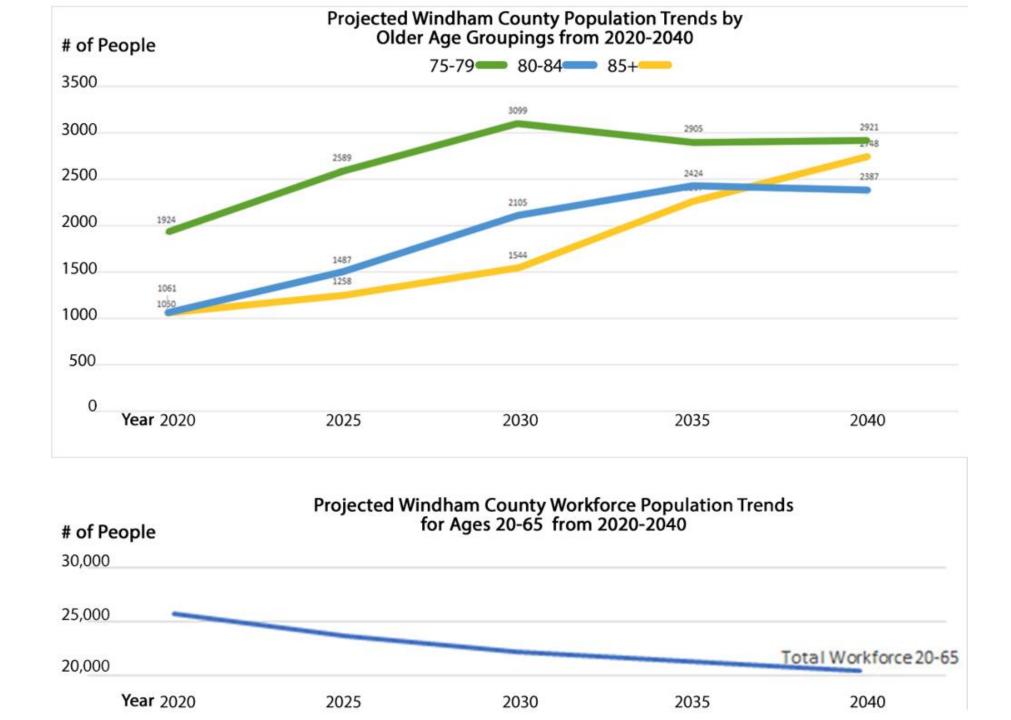




### Windham Aging Founders and Leaders



- Roger Albee, former Grace Cottage Hospital CEO
- Carolyn Taylor-Olson, MD, Internist
- David Neumeister, Dentist



Our collaborative provides the strategic vision for systemic changes so that older residents of Windham County/Region age well.

### To do this:

- 1. We identify the existing resources, future needs, and best strategies to achieve our vision
- We inform/educate the change-makers for our county, so they can engage these strategies
- 3. We track progress to guide advancement toward our stated outcomes

### What Kind of Coalition?

- Grass-roots, Volunteer run
- 4 very part-time contractors
- Started in early 2020; Data received in 2023 changed focus
- Decisions by consensus
- 3 founders approve expenses, etc. between meetings
- Rethinking Governance structure now

### **Active Partners**

- VT Agency of Human Services
- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
- Windham Regional Commission
- S VT Area Health Education Center
- Senior Solutions
- Brattleboro Housing Partnerships
- Thompson House Rehab & Nursing Center
- Brattleboro Area Hospice

#### Research Partners:

• VT Dept of Health

- Larner College of Medicine at UVM
- Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth
- Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships <u>Funders:</u>
- Thomas Thompson Trust
- Holt Fund
- Windham Foundation



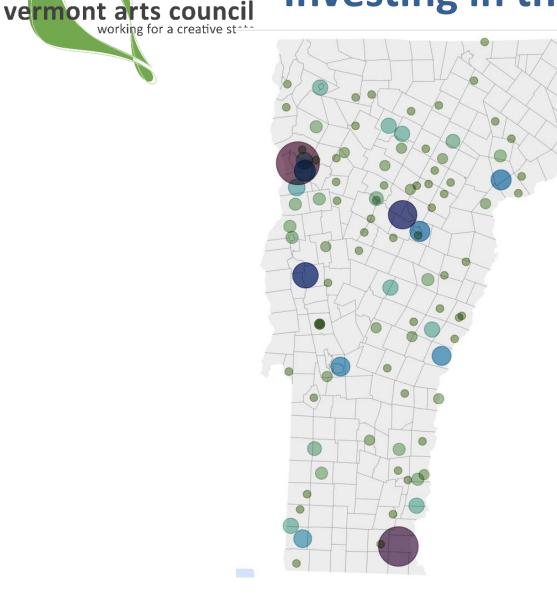


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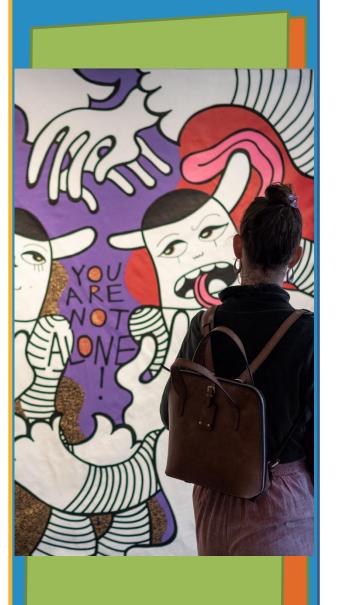
## **Investing in the Arts & Communities**



### FY23 Grant Making:

- \$8,009,602
- 85 individuals
- 201 organizations
- 100 towns across Vermont

### www.vermontartscouncil.org



## **Economic Impact of the Creative Sector**

10,574 Jobs

**VERMONT** ARTS FACTS

FOR-PROFIT & NON-PROFIT ARTS & CULTURE SECTORS REPRESENT

2.85% State's GDP

\$1.2 BILLION Arts & Culture

\$1.4 B Construction

\$888 M Utilities

The Vermont arts and culture sector was a **\$1.2 billion** industry in **2022** (**2.85%** of the state's GDP), representing **10,574 jobs** (**3.34%** of Vermont's workforce), and total compensation of **\$708.6 million**.

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis & National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (2024). Data collected for 2022.



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Advocacy
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Networking

VermontCreativeNetwork.org



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# Vermont's Child Care Campaign

## **Making History Though Coalition Building**

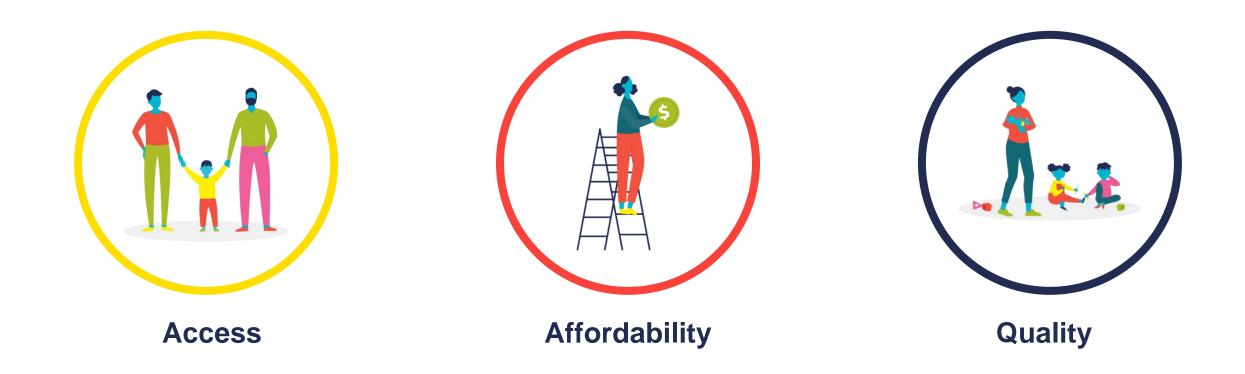
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# **Building the Campaign**



## The Vision of Vermont's Child Care Campaign



Keys to Campaign Success





Grassroots Mobilization



Engaging Employers is Essential for Success

# **Thank You!**

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Visit <u>www.letsgrowkids.org</u> for more information.





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# Suggested Resources

**Aly Richards** 

• Freedom to Marry campaign

### **Susan Evans McClure**

- <u>A Lapsed Anarchist's Guide to Building a Great Business</u>, book by Ari Weinzweig
- <u>The Work of Leadership</u> by Ron Heifetz and Donald Laurie
- <u>Stop Telling Women They Have Imposter Syndrome</u> by Ruchika Tulshyan and Jodi-Anne Burey

#### **Cindy Jerome**

<u>Strategic Planning Consulting</u>









## AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

- Emerging Leaders Awards, 12:00 p.m. 12:20 p.m.
- Buffet Lunch, 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.
- Mid-afternoon Breakouts, 1:40 p.m. 2:55 p.m.
- Afternoon Roundtables, 3:10 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Closing Reception, 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.