

WHAT: Hunger Council of Addison County Meeting

WHERE: Counseling Service of Addison County, 109 Catamount Park, Middlebury, VT

WHEN: Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Over 2,000 veterans live in Addison County (US Census Bureau, 2010-2014), and according to a recent report, households with veterans who served since 1975 are at a higher risk of food insecurity. On Tuesday, March 8th, the Hunger Council of Addison County meets to learn more about this issue and identify collaborations and actions to help strengthen the safety net for veterans in our community.

Representatives from statewide and national organizations, including Pathways Vermont, the Farmer Veteran Coalition, and Vermont Veterans Outreach, will share an overview of the services available to veterans in Addison County. The Hunger Council will then work to identify gaps in services and ways that the Hunger Council can take action. The Hunger Council will also hear a quick update on Addison County's first afterschool meals program just launched at Vergennes Union High School, and will meet with a UVM Researcher working on the Cost-offset CSA Project (also known as the "Cornell project"), which is examining the effect of subsidized CSA shares on childhood nutrition and will be including 20 households in Addison County.

Membership in the Hunger Council of Addison County is open to anyone interested in learning about anti-hunger initiatives and taking action. Launched in 2013, the Council has had significant impact on the growth of federal nutrition programs feeding Vermonters, has supported federal and state legislation to protect and improve access to these safety net programs, and has helped to spread awareness about hunger in our communities. The next Hunger Council of Addison County meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 from 3:00 – 5:00 at CSAC in Middlebury.

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About Hunger Free Vermont: *Hunger Free Vermont (formerly the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger) is a statewide nonprofit organization that works with state agencies and community groups to end the injustice of hunger and malnutrition for all Vermonters. Since 1993 Hunger Free Vermont's outreach programs have substantially enhanced Vermont's nutrition safety net and increased access to nutritious foods. www.hungerfreevt.org*

About the Hunger Councils: *The Hunger Council of Addison County is one of eight Hunger Councils currently facilitated by Hunger Free Vermont. The Councils are groups of local leaders in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin & Grand Isle, and Washington Counties, the Northeast Kingdom and the Windham Region, and in the Lamoille Valley and the Upper Valley, who are committed to learning about hunger and improving community and household food security. The Hunger Councils coordinate efforts and build strong nutrition safety nets at the community level and statewide. This project is a comprehensive approach to addressing hunger by educating community members about the local causes and effects of hunger and providing tools to improve nutrition and reduce hunger in their communities and beyond. To learn more, visit <http://hungerfreevt.org/addison-county> or contact Jenna Banning, Hunger Council Organizer, at jbanning@hungerfreevt.org.*