



Vermont State Cancer Plan 2010 Activities Report

PREVENTING FUTURE CANCERS

Tobacco cessation programs for youth and adults & reducing second hand smoke exposure

Obesity control and fruits and vegetable consumption

Physical activity for youth and adults

Radon detection

Sun protection promotion

Breastfeeding promotion

HPV Vaccinations for women

The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) continues to support programs to address these issues. For more information, please visit: <http://healthvermont.gov>

DETECTING NEW CANCERS EARLY

Breast cancer screening

The VDH Ladies First Program continues to reach out to low-income, uninsured women across Vermont through collaborations with clinical providers, free clinics and others. For more information, please visit: http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/ladies_first.aspx

Cervical cancer screening

The VTAAC Cervical Cancer workgroup continues to develop and prioritize strategies related to HPV vaccinations for young women and cervical cancer screening for women of all ages. VTAAC partner, the Hicks' Foundation sponsored free screening days in 2010 in three communities. For more information, please visit: <http://www.freepap.org>

Colorectal cancer screening

The VTAAC Colon Cancer workgroup worked with Vermont health insurers to incorporate written and telephone reminders to subscribers eligible for colon cancer screening. For more information on colon cancer screening, please visit: <http://www.cancer.net/patient/Cancer+Types/Colorectal+Cancer>

Prostate cancer screening/informed decision making

Prostate cancer survivors and health care providers met at the 2nd VTAAC Prostate Cancer Summit in September to discuss issues of screening and treatment. VTAAC staff continues to meet with Prostate cancer survivor groups to assess their needs. For more information on prostate cancer screening, please visit: <http://www.cancer.net/patient/cancer+types/prostate+cancer>

INCREASING ACCESS TO OPTIMUM CANCER TREATMENT

Transportation service usage

The American Cancer Society (ACS) continues to recruit volunteers for its "Road to Recovery" program, which links volunteer drivers to patients needing rides to treatment. Last year, ACS Volunteers provided over 1700 rides. For more information, please visit: http://www.cancer.org/docroot/ESN/content/ESN_3_1x_Road_to_Recovery.asp

Insurance coverage

ACS and several VTAAC partners continued working on reducing barriers to access to the Catamount Health Plan. For more information, please visit: <http://www.greenmountaincare.org/>

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CANCER SURVIVORS

Survivorship

VTAAC affiliate, the Vermont Cancer Survivor Network (VCSN), continues their peer-to-peer support program "Kindred Connections" which connects cancer patients with others who have had similar experiences in four counties. The University of Vermont, working with VCSN, completed the second year of its grant to develop the Vermont Cancer Survivor Registry. In addition, ACS, the Cancer Patient Support Program, the Foley Cancer Center at Rutland and other VTAAC partners promoted and provided support services across Vermont. For more information, please visit: <http://www.vcsn.net>

Pain management, Hospice and palliative care

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 25, which created a task force to address pain management and palliative care in Vermont. VTAAC members are working with the Vermont Ethics Network to implement the recommendations of the task force. For more information, please visit: <http://www.vtethicsnetwork.org/>

Advance directives

In 2006, the VDH launched a statewide electronic Advance Directives Registry. VTAAC and the Vermont Ethics Network are promoting use of this on-line service. Thousands of Vermonters have registered for this free service. For more information, please visit: <http://healthvermont.gov/vadr/index.aspx>

COALITION STRUCTURE AND PROMOTION

Infrastructure

VTAAC convened a Regional Summit in Bennington as well as Summits for Prostate and Breast Cancer to have discussions on the 2015 Vermont State Cancer Plan. VDH hired a new comprehensive cancer control coordinator in August.

Promoting VTAAC and the State Cancer Plan

VTAAC staff presented information at several cancer-related programs and conferences across the state in 2010. Outreach priorities include working with the five American College of Surgeons (ACoS) Commission on Cancer certified centers in Vermont to further promote the coalition, the State Cancer Plan, and various cancer control activities.

The Vermont State Cancer Plan

VDH issued the 2015 Vermont State Cancer Plan in April. VTAAC workgroups and task forces are meeting to address the goals and objectives in the new plan. For more information, please visit: http://healthvermont.gov/pubs/cancerpubs/documents/VTcancerPlan_0410.pdf

PLANS FOR 2011

Prevention

VDH Programs to continue activities in tobacco control, obesity control, nutrition and healthy weight promotion, oral health promotion, radon detection, sun protection and promotion of breastfeeding; including policy, media, community and individual level interventions. The VDH Comprehensive Cancer Control program will continue to provide support for several of these initiatives this year.

Breast Cancer

VTAAC to work with partners to implement the 2015 Vermont State Cancer Plan goals to increase access to screening for low-income and minority women.

Cervical Cancer

VTAAC workgroup to strategize and prioritize plans to share information on the importance of screening for all women and vaccination for girls and young women and work with partners to increase access to screening for low-income, minority, and older Vermont women.

Colorectal Cancer

VTAAC workgroup to continue to promote access to screening for insured and continue developing strategies to raise public awareness of the need for screening.

Prostate Cancer

VTAAC to convene the third annual Prostate Cancer Summit in September.

Survivorship

VCSN to maintain peer support program and develop a plan to expand the program in Vermont. VTAAC to work with partners to develop strategies for increasing access to information for cancer survivors. University of Vermont to complete Vermont Cancer Survivor Registry Grant and publish results. VTAAC members will work with New England Regional Survivorship task force to advance survivorship issues throughout New England.

Insurance

VTAAC to continue working with partners to educate Vermonters on health care reform and to improve Vermonters' access to appropriate cancer screenings and quality health care.

Pain Management & Palliative Care

VTAAC to work with partners to implement the recommendations of the Palliative Care & Pain Management Task Force.

Partner Recruitment

VTAAC will work with partners to reach membership goals for broader geographic representation.

Promote Plan

VTAAC and VDH staff to continue working with partners to promote cancer plan and activities.

Evaluate Plan

VTAAC Steering Committee to start process of formal evaluation of the past five years of the Vermont State Cancer Plan.

Partnership

VTAAC to hold it's Fifth Annual Meeting in March.

VERMONTERS ARE TAKING ACTION AGAINST CANCER!

To find out what actions you can take:

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