

MVHI is a nonprofit public health organization serving the Upper Valley towns of Canaan, Cornish, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, and Plainfield. Our goal is to protect and promote the health of our community.

In 2011, MVHI supported public health service and substance abuse prevention programs. MVHI served as the New Hampshire Immunization Program regional site. We completed a federally-funded rural health planning grant, the Upper Valley Healthy Community Program, with the goal of improving rural access to primary care and preventive health services. MVHI implemented two substance abuse prevention initiatives in the towns of Canaan, Enfield, Dorchester, Grafton, and Orange: 1) Indian River Youth 2 Youth after-school program, and 2) Mascoma Valley Prevention Network, a community-based coalition focused on reducing youth alcohol and drug abuse.

During 2011, our programs reached many people who live, work, and attend school in Dorchester:

- MVHI provided 14 copies of POX: Save the People, a game that teaches the importance of immunization, to Mascoma High School and Indian River School (retail value \$350).
- MVHI, in partnership with Dartmouth Medical School, provided free flu vaccine to over 500 people through two free clinics at the Enfield Community Building.
- During the 2011/2012 school year, 1 Dorchester youth signed up to participate in the Youth 2 Youth program.
- The Mascoma Valley Prevention Network continues to host the Parent Night Series to involve area parents in substance abuse prevention. In 2011, we hosted six events on topic ranging from internet safety to alcohol and drug laws.

MVHI greatly appreciates the support we receive from Dorchester and will continue to work hard to meet your needs.