

## **Multi-Sector Leadership Addressing Food and Nutrition Equity in Chittenden County**

### **Abstract**

This poster presents the work of a CDC funded National Leadership and Public Health (NLAPH) fellowship; comprised of four leaders from Fletcher Allen Healthcare, Vermont Department of Health, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and the United Way of Chittenden County. The project goal is to raise awareness of food insecurity in Chittenden County by aligning efforts across sectors for maximal impact.

The NLAPH fellowship aim to create a common message of food insecurity in Chittenden County by identifying who, where and why people are food insecure; who has a role to play through a collective impact approach; and asks what can we do across sectors and ecological levels to reverse the curve. The fellowship proposed to develop ownership and implement actions for this community issue within their own organizations, engage key community partners, share message within and beyond the Hunger Council, and map/document their team process for other groups/leaders to model in the future.

Thus far this group developed a deeper understanding of food insecurity in Chittenden County and learned the importance of gathering accurate data to inform, motivate, and measure progress. The group acknowledge their efforts as an ongoing process in building practices of collective engagement and action.