

Chittenden County CORE Team Meeting

Date: 12/11/2023

Location: Virtual

Abbie introduced the agenda: Ice breaker, Sefakore Komabu-Pomeyie will discuss VCIL and Susan Nostrand from Fourbital Factory will present.

Ice breaker: Recalling the eclipse

Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie Vermont Center of Independent Living presented Slide Show.

Sefakore introduced members of the VCIL team via the slideshow. VCIL helps people with disabilities, making sure they live an independent life and removing barriers. VCIL serves individuals with disabilities in person, at schools, or virtually.

Sefakore reviewed the VCIL Youth Transition Program. Workshops are individualized for individuals' specific needs. Self-advocacy and self-pride are core values at VCIL. Youth Advocacy Council meets with local leaders to discuss topics that are important to the disabled communities. The 6th annual [Youth Advocacy Council](#) Summit will be held on May 29th, 10-1 at the Hilton Double Tree in Williston.

Challenges for people with disabilities in the college system was highlighted. Campus Connection can support those individuals.

Racial Justice offers training to help people to be culturally sensitive and strives to improve cultural competence.

Summer programming through VCIL will take place June 20 – July 18th Tuesday /Thursdays 11a-12pm

Global disabilities studies is a professional development course at UVM that exposes individuals to other cultures around the world with a view on individuals with disabilities. Funding may be available at VSAC for those who may be income eligible.

Susan Nostrand from Fourbital introduced sustainable sewing summer internship. Five high school students are paid to learn to sew at the Fourbital factory on in-house machines. Items sold, like floor cushions, are used to pay for future training. Summer programming will be held July 8- August 8th M- Th 10-2:30

Participants will receive 15 dollars per hour, no experience necessary, more information can be found at www.fourbitalfactory.com/continuing-thread. As part of the selection process participants fill out a survey and the 20-30 min interview. Applicants must be 16 and up.



6th Annual Youth Summit

Organized by the Youth Advocacy Council
Transition, Accessibility, Community

Throughout Vermont, youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 25, connect to advocate for youth resources, and lead while providing community service.

At the Youth Summit, hear stories from the Youth Advocacy Council on self-advocacy and how to join the conversation to help effect change on pressing issues.

Each year the Youth Advocacy Council identifies three areas that are of greatest importance to them. This year we have variety of guest speakers and youth advocacy council members discussing transition, accessibility, community.

Hilton Double Tree
870 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT 05403

May 29, 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Register at: <https://forms.office.com/g/pYEdCJprGT>

