### Training the Next Generation of Health Professionals in Vermont

- Many students have participated in SVTAHEC's MedQuest Health Careers Exploration programing in high school
- ✓ SVTAHEC has recruited and placed over 70 students in healthcare-related internships since 2013
- Already 17 alumni have either gone on to health science-related graduate or medical school, or been hired by healthcare providers
- Exposing students to the challenges and rewards of providing quality healthcare in under-served rural communities
- Engaging students in real-life settings, where rural healthcare is being delivered by a team of professionals, drawing on resources available throughout the community



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# C-SHIP



## College Student Healthcare Internship Program provides:

- Organizations with the opportunity to expand their capacity
- Communities with greater means to address priority health needs
- Health-science undergrads with a unique chance to explore healthcare in action



## Improving Rural Health Access and Outcomes

High achieving healthscience undergrads engage in projects that benefit the host precepting organization, often addressing a community health need.

Organizations may engage in small discreet time-sensitive projects or more substantial longerterm initiatives that may take several years and draw on the participation of multiple interns. A sampling of past projects include the following:

- Researching and preparing grant applications for a prevention coalition's LGBTQ-related programming.
- Assisting a dental hygienist in delivering school-based oral health prevention services.
- Working with a community hospital to research and present on "Culturally Acquired Metabolic Disorder"



### Professional Support for Students and Preceptors

- Students' work is paid for through foundation and donor support
- SVTAHEC provides orientation and on-going support to students throughout their internship, with opportunities to share and collaborate with peer interns in other communities
- Regular check-ins with host preceptors are provided; annual program evaluation and quality improvement conducted with each preceptor site



Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health

