

Hinesburg Community Resource Center
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"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

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Dear Hinesburg Select Board,

We are writing to give you an update on the work we presented at the October Select Board meeting with regards to assessing the nutrition needs of low income families in Hinesburg. The Community Healthy Living Index (CHILI) was completed and detailed the many ways Hinesburg supports wellness through its schools and town programs. The challenge is to increase participation of low income families which is currently low.

The Hinesburg Community Resource Center and Connecting Youth met with community leaders and service providers in January to look at this issue and will be working with in the next months to work on these goals:

1. Provide a summer program for low income families that will facilitate getting more fresh foods to food insecure families over the summer months and provide activities to promote physical outdoor activity.
2. Promote activities that use the current facilities in and near Hinesburg to develop low income participation over time.
3. Work with the Hinesburg Food Shelf to increase participation among families needing additional food this summer and continue the support of the Farmer's Market/Food Shelf Program.
4. Organize a group of low income families that take part in summer program to create and participate in other programs throughout the year.
5. The initial group of community leaders and service providers will meet throughout the year to monitor and support their work with low income families in Hinesburg.
6. Increase collaboration of churches, HCRC and the Town Service Officer in providing emergency assistance to families in need.

We would be happy to meet with you again if you have any questions or comments about this work. Thank you for your interest.


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