

## Engaging Stakeholders

Because each town is unique and has different institutions within its borders, each town health & wellness committee will engage with a different universe of stakeholders. The list below is intended to help your planning group think through who to invite to your table.

Recreation department  
Conservation commission  
School wellness committee (group responsible for implementing [Vermont's School Wellness Policy Guidelines](#))  
Farm-to-school program  
School nurse(s)  
Town/parish nurse  
Medical practitioners  
Aging in Place organization  
Senior Center  
First responders  
Library  
Child care providers/preschools  
Social service providers  
Faith community  
Food shelf  
Farms that sell produce locally  
Arts organizations  
Employers  
Clubs or groups involved in health-promoting activities, including physical activity, social engagement, etc.

Levels of stakeholder commitment and involvement will vary, but generally fall into one of these categories:

- Representation on the committee
- Ad hoc attendance at meetings, depending on agenda relevance
- Communication on current and planned activities between the stakeholder and the committee to ensure efficient use of resources, avoid duplication, and surface opportunities to collaborate for greater impact