CVOEO Housing Advocacy Programs

HOP Report for Chittenden County Homeless Alliance – Vermont Tenants Education

CVOEO's renters workshops provide participants the skills, materials, and confidence necessary to find and maintain stable housing. Experienced teaching teams from CVOEO's Vermont Tenants and Financial Futures programs collaborate to offer Tenant Skills, Finding Housing, and Sustaining the Rent workshops in-person, as webinars, and in fully self-paced, online classes. (https://www.cvoeo.org/learn/renters-workshops) Participants who complete all three workshops and attend a one-on-one financial coaching session receive a Preferred Renter Certificate. This certificate shows a landlord that the applicant or current tenant is invested in being a successful renter, knowledgeable about resources, and connected to service providers, such as a financial coach.

In the first three quarters of this grant year, workshops served 277 people.

CVOEO presented:

- 21 Tenant Skills workshops (11 in English, 8 in French, 1 in Swahili, and 1 in Spanish) with a total of 54 participants. An additional 120 people took the online, self-paced class.
- 9 Finding Housing workshops with 16 participants and an additional 35 people took the online, self-paced class.
- 8 people completed Sustaining the Rent in the online, self-paced format (NOTE: After a taking a break from the Sustaining the Rent workshops during the pandemic, the Financial Futures program redesigned the curriculum and created and new online, self-paced version.)
- 9 community-based Know Your Rights workshops (two via Zoom and 7 in person), which include an overview of tenant and fair housing rights and responsibilities, with a total of 44 participants.

PARTICIPANTS	Tenant Skills	Finding Housing	Sustaining the Rent	Know Your Rights	
In person	0	0	0	32	**32**
Zoom	54	16	0	12	**82**
Online, self-paced	120	35	8		**163**
TOTAL	**141**	**51**	**8**	**44**	**277 participants**

LANGUAGES	Workshops	Participants	Online, self-paced participants
English	29	114	163
French	8	14	
Spanish	1	1	
Swahili	1	1	