

## **Vermont Child Poverty Council**

Public Forum Roundtable Discussion  
Grand Isle County, Alburgh  
October 23, 2007

*(No formal notes were taken due to the small number of people there, staff notes below, not by question)*

### **Challenges**

- Services, transportation in rural areas
- Money, lack of
- Housing, affordable, low income
- Transportation, reliable and safe
- Energy efficient housing
- Medical care gaps, eye care, dental care
- Parent training
- Lack of education, corrective behavior, language English (standard)
- Focus in schools on strengths of children, praise
- Work harder to engage parents, mentors
- Small public schools
- Resources, engage and strengthen, communities, schools, families
- Expose kids to more experiences

### **Successes**

- Trust in programs and helpful connections to guide through system in finding all services

### **Visions**

- Social worker to connect schools and parents
- Truancy problem