Champion Valley Office Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) addresses fundamental issues of economic, social, environmental and racial justice and works to achieve economic independence. CVOEO bridges gaps and builds futures by providing people the basic needs of food, fuel and housing support in times of need and help them acquire education, financial skills and assets to build a stable future in which they thrive.

SERVICES

CVOEO services range from providing food, shelter and fuel assistance to early childhood education to financial education and microbusiness development. CVOEO was the first in the state to offer Financial Empowerment for New Americans (FENA) which provides information ranging from setting up a bank account, using an ATM, starting a business to buying a home, all in a house party setting over a meal and in languages including Nepali, Swahili, Arabic, Maay and Somali.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Building Futures includes programs such as Growing Money, Matched Savings, Financial Empowerment for New Americans (FENA), and Micro Business Development. The CVOEO VITA program is a trusted source for tax return preparation and information in the community.

TAXES

CVOEO provides free tax preparation assistance at its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program sites in Chittenden, Franklin and Addison counties of Vermont. In 2021, the CVOEO VITA program served over 1,600 low-to-moderate income individuals and families.