Marijuana Prevention
Addison County
In the fall of 2019, the UWAC prevention staff was asked to join and host 6 of the drivers education classes at Mt. Abraham high school. Specifically, the teacher asked UWAC to present on the effects of marijuana while driving. This was a unique opportunity to discuss marijuana impaired driving with a vulnerable population, TEENS!
In November of 2019 UWAC launched a primary prevention specific coalition in Addison County. One of the coalition’s focus this year has been addressing the perception of harm as it relates to marijuana and alcohol. PEEPS hosted a discussion about marijuana legalization, perception of harm & perception of use that included youth, parents, teachers, teen center reps, law enforcement, and DLC to build capacity for policy change in Addison County towns.
During the 4 day summit students participated in workshops and breakout sessions learning about marijuana prevention, policy change, youth empowerment, and spent a day on Capitol Hill speaking with Vermont State Representatives to discuss their concerns about youth access to marijuana and social norms.