

December 2025

New Videos!

- Winooski Main Street Revitalization Project: December 2025 Project Update
- A Test to Screen for Cervical Cancer (six new languages)
- Primary Care and Urgent Care



Hi there—I hope you are all keeping warm and in good health. Despite the turbulence of 2025, VLJP has remained steadfast in our endeavors to support folks with language access needs. Since January 1st 2025 we have made over **850 unique videos** and increased our YouTube subscribers by **590** for a total of **2631!** AND today, we reached **400,000** views on our channel!

This month we have moved forward creating videos using some money from donors to expand the number of languages for our *Cervical Cancer Screening* video from three to nine. In response to community requests, we are also creating two videos in Haitian Kreyòl ..*“What to Know When Looking for Housing”* and *“What Are Emergency Alerts on Your Phone?”*

I am deeply appreciative of my colleague Dani, jumping into their expanded role at VLJP now they are back in the US, also I want to give a big shout out to Zoraya Hightower who was our kind, thoughtful and smart consultant working with VLJP, helping lead us to our new home with the United Ways of Vermont.

VLJP is wrapping up our fundraising campaign for 2025, and more than ever we need your support so we can continue to pivot and produce videos that provide urgent information for the communities we serve. **Click here to DONATE.**

Thanks to all of **YOU** who believe in the importance of language justice and continue to read this newsletter and stay involved.

Take care of yourselves and each other
With Best Wishes

Alison and Dani

Swahili (Kiswahili)



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DID YOU KNOW THAT

Swahili is the 14th most spoken language in the world, with over 200 million speakers, and its name comes from an Arabic word for "coastal". Swahili and Kiswahili refer to the same Bantu language, but "Kiswahili" is the native name for the language (meaning "language of the Swahili people"), while "Swahili" in English often refers broadly to the people, culture, and coast, or is used interchangeably for the language itself, especially in a global context. Where is Swahili spoken?

- in Tanzania [as a lingua franca and official language]
- in Kenya and Burundi [as a lingua franca]
- in DR Congo, as a national language [locally sometimes aka "Kingwana"]
- in Uganda [as a national language]
- in Rwanda, Mozambique, South Sudan and Somalia [as a minority language]
- in the Comoros [as a minority language]

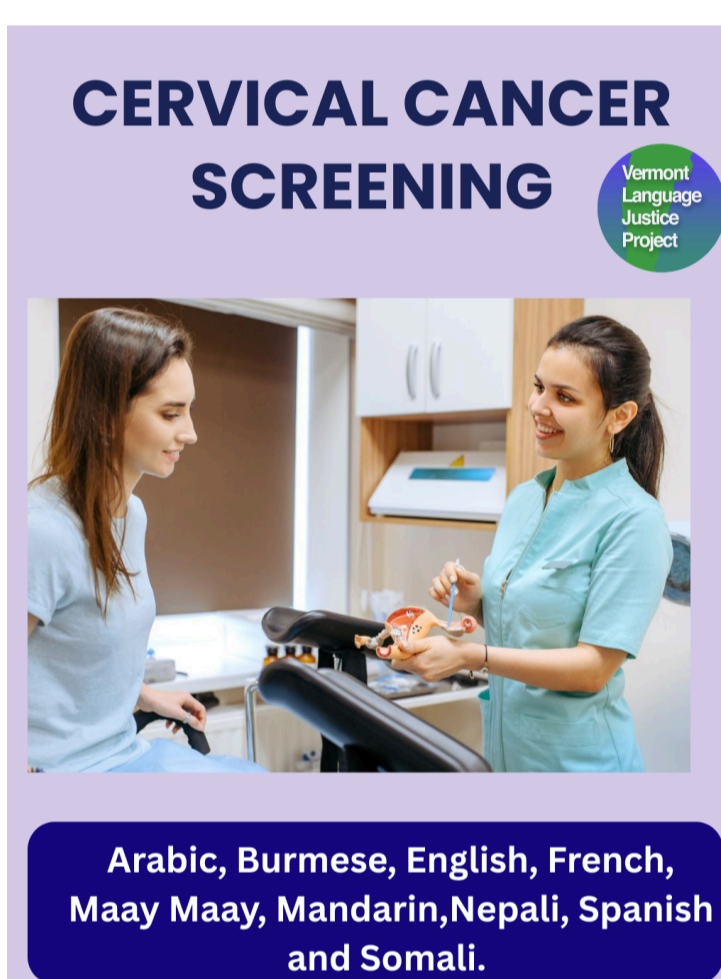
In November 2021, the General Conference of UNESCO declared July 7th as World Kiswahili Language Day

New Videos from VLJP

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Always impressed and delighted that the town of Winooski chooses to let its residents know about the ongoing construction in their town, in multiple languages.



Now in 9 languages this video explains a procedure called a colposcopy, a test that screens for cervical cancer.



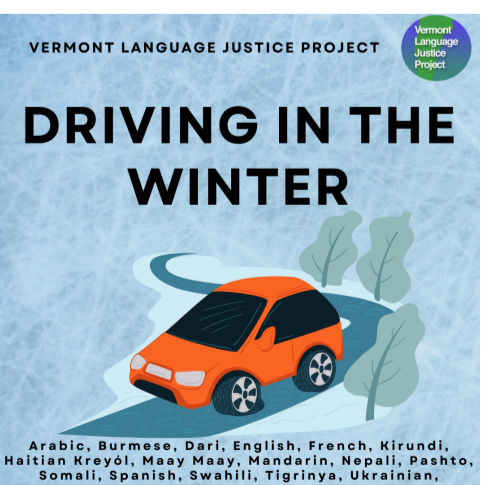
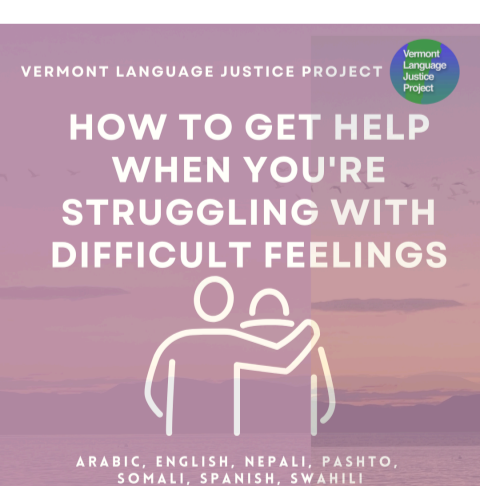
Made in collaboration with the UVMHC Immigrant Health Project Coordinator this video is a follow up to our video on "Everything you need to know about the Emergency Department"



We have wrapped up our four video series on Childcare Assistance in Vermont and were able to add Portuguese to all four videos. If you would like promotional materials about these videos please be in touch

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Related and Timely Videos



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