Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant

Infrastructure Assessment

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Purpose

Assess the current substance abuse prevention infrastructure in core areas:

- Organizational structure
- Planning
- Data Systems
- Skills Development
- Evaluation
- Monitoring
- Cultural Competency
- Sustainability

Participants

A facilitated discussion with representatives from the local substance abuse prevention system/coalition:

- Community members
- Area Prevention Resource Center staff
- Partner agency staff and community leaders

  (i.e., Indian Clinic, Department of Community Development, Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Youth and Family Services, Public School, City Mayor, State Representative)

Areas Visited
(July 2010)

- Lawton
- Clinton
- Oklahoma City
- Vinita
- Woodward
- Idabel
- Stillwater

Findings

Organizational Structure:

- Strengths
  - Coalitions of community level decision makers exist
    - ✓ Meet regularly
    - ✓ Share information
    - ✓ Plan activities
- Areas for Enhancements
  - Jointly pursuing new resources
  - Seeking input from the community at large before making decisions

Findings

Planning:

- Strengths
  - Strategic plans exist
    - ✓ Mission
    - ✓ Vision
    - ✓ Based on agency knowledge and community focus group input
- Areas for Enhancements
  - In many cases, the strategic plan exists due to a funding requirement and does not drive the coalition work or decisions

Findings

Data Systems:

- Strengths
  - Members share available agency data
  - Group seeks other data sources
- Areas for Enhancements
  - Not all data needed is available at the local level
    - ✓ Youth usage and influencing factors
    - ✓ Tribal usage and influencing factors
    - ✓ 18-25 year old usage and influencing factors
    - ✓ Disaggregated data (i.e., race, gender)
    - ✓ Hospital admission specific to substance use issues
    - ✓ Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data

Findings

Skills Development:

- Strengths
  - Member skills are strong in different areas (someone in the group usually has the skill needed for different parts of the effort)
- Areas for Enhancements
  - Not all skills needed for data driven, community planning through group decision-making
    - ✓ Coalition operations (i.e., conducting meetings, identifying next steps)
    - ✓ Strategic planning process (SPF)
    - ✓ Understanding data and evaluation
    - ✓ Using data for decision-making
    - ✓ Strategies for engaging community members
    - ✓ Strategies for changing norms
    - ✓ Strategies for reaching all sectors
    - ✓ Understanding evidence-based
    - ✓ Grant writing and accessing resources
    - ✓ Sustainability planning

Findings

Evaluation and Monitoring:

- Strengths
  - If required by the funder, an evaluation plan will exist
- Areas for Enhancements
  - Development of meaningful evaluation plans that are understood and implemented by the group to monitor the implementation and assess the impact of their strategic plan

Findings

Cultural Competency and Sustainability:

- Strengths
  - If required by the funder, cultural competency and sustainability plans will exist
- Areas for Enhancements
  - Development of a meaningful cultural competency plan that is understood and implemented by the group to ensure cultural competency is incorporated into their efforts
  - Development of a meaningful sustainability plan that is understood and implemented by the group to obtain and maintain diversified funding streams