

Anchored Rating Scales for Scoring Each Dimension

Dimension A. Community Efforts and Knowledge of Efforts

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- 1 No awareness or knowledge of the need for efforts to address the issue.
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- 2 No efforts or knowledge of efforts addressing the issue.
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- 3 A few individuals recognize the need to initiate some type of effort, but there is no immediate motivation to do anything and extent of knowledge is limited.
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- 4 Some community members have knowledge about local efforts or have met and have begun a discussion of developing community efforts.
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- 5 Efforts (programs/activities) are being planned and some members of the community have basic knowledge about the local efforts.
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- 6 Efforts (programs/activities) have been implemented and an increasing number of community members have knowledge of local efforts and are trying to increase the knowledge of the general community about these efforts.
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- 7 Efforts (programs/activities) have been running for several years and there is evidence that the community has specific knowledge of local efforts including contact persons, training of staff, clients involved, etc.
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- 8 Several different programs, activities, and policies are in place, covering different age groups and reaching a wide range of people. New efforts are being developed based on evaluation data and there is considerable community knowledge about community efforts and program effectiveness.
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- 9 Evaluation plans are routinely used to test effectiveness of many different efforts, and the results are being used to make changes and improvements. Community has knowledge of these efforts and understand the benefits and limitations.
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Dimension B. Leadership (includes appointed leaders and influential community members)

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Leadership has no recognition of the issue.

Leadership believes that this is not an issue in their community.

Leader(s) recognize(s) the need to do something regarding the issue.

Leader(s) is/are trying to get something started.

Leaders are part of a committee or group that addresses this issue.

Leaders are active and supportive of the implementation of efforts.

Leaders are supportive of continuing basic efforts and are considering resources available for self-sufficiency.

Leaders are supportive of expanding/improving efforts through active participation in the expansion/improvement.

Leaders are continually reviewing evaluation results of the efforts and are modifying support accordingly.

Dimension C. Community Climate

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The prevailing attitude is that it's not considered, unnoticed or overlooked within the community. "It's just not our concern."

The prevailing attitude is "There's nothing we can do," or "Only 'those' people do that," or "We don't think it should change."

Community climate is neutral, disinterested, or believes that the issue does not affect the community as a whole.

The attitude in the community is now beginning to reflect interest in the issue. "We have to do something, but we don't know what to do."

The attitude in the community is "We are concerned about this," and community members are beginning to reflect modest support for efforts.

The attitude in the community is "This is our responsibility," and is now beginning to reflect modest involvement in efforts.

The majority of the community generally supports programs, activities, or policies. "We have taken responsibility."

Some community members may challenge specific programs, but the community in general is supportive of the need for the efforts. Participation level is high. "We need to keep up on this issue and make sure what we are doing is effective."

All major segments of the community are highly supportive, and community members are actively involved in evaluation and improving efforts and demand accountability.

Dimension D. Community Knowledge about The Issue

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1 Not viewed as an issue.

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2 No knowledge about the issue.

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3 A few in the community have some knowledge about the issue.

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4 Some community members recognize the signs and symptoms of this issue, but information is lacking.

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5 Community members know that the signs and symptoms of this issue occur locally, and general information is available.

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6 A majority of community members know the signs and symptoms of the issue and that it occurs locally, and local data are available.

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7 Community members have knowledge of, and access to, detailed information about local prevalence.

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8 Community members have knowledge about prevalence, causes, risk factors, and consequences.

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9 Community members have detailed information about the issue as well as information about the effectiveness of local programs.

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Dimension E. Resources Related to the Issue (people, money, time, space, etc.)

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There is no awareness of the need for resources to deal with this issue.

There are no resources available for dealing with the issue.

The community is not sure what it would take, (or where the resources would come from) to initiate efforts.

The community has individuals, organizations, and/or space available that could be used as resources.

Some members of the community are looking into the available resources.

Resources have been obtained and/or allocated for this issue.

A considerable part of support of on-going efforts are from local sources that are expected to provide continuous support. Community members and leaders are beginning to look at continuing efforts by accessing additional resources.

Diversified resources and funds are secured and efforts are expected to be ongoing. There is additional support for further efforts.

There is continuous and secure support for programs and activities, evaluation is routinely expected and completed, and there are substantial resources for trying new efforts.