



ASSESSMENT

Phase 1 of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) focuses on understanding the pressing substance use issues. Key activities include gathering data to understand problems, choosing a problem of practice, and assessing community readiness to address the problem of practice.

Collect Data

Consider existing local data collection efforts to ensure collection and access to required measures.

Identify Measures

National Outcome Measures (NOMs)
Community Outcome Measures (COMs)
(e.g., consumption, consequence,
& intervening variables)

Consider Local Data

Review local quantitative
collection efforts for scope,
frequency, & tools used
(e.g., OHYES!, YRBS,
REACH, PRIDE)

Partner to Collect Data

Negotiate MOUs with
partners (e.g., schools) to
collect necessary
measures and ensure
access to data

Choose Problem of Practice

Choose a Problem of Practice (PoP), which includes selecting both a priority substance and population.

Review PoP Data

When, where, and how
are problems occurring
for substances? Who is
being impacted?

Prioritize Population

Who should be prioritized
as the most at-risk
populations or sub-
populations?

State Problem

Who: Priority population
What: Description of problem
When: Length of time for problem
Where: Specific community served
Why: Data point(s)

Assess Community Readiness

Assess the community's readiness to address issues for appropriate selection of prevention strategies.

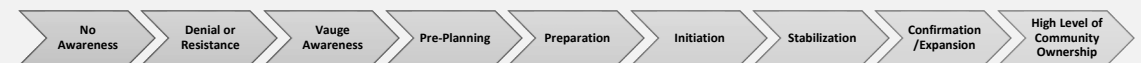
Use Multi-Dimensional Model

Tri-Ethnic Center's Community Readiness Assessment (CRA)

Interview Key Stakeholders

Use a structured script to ask about
knowledge of issues and efforts,
climate, leadership & resources

Score and Assign Readiness Stage



Localize Issues

Think about why issues are happening to localize what needs to be implemented.

Review Intervening Variables

Examples include:

- Perception of peer disapproval
- Perception of risk/harm
- Parental disapproval
- Family communication

Study Consequence Data

Examples of contextual
data, include:

- Vehicle crashes
- Arrests
- Fatalities

Collect Qualitative Data

Conduct listening sessions
to hear & understand the
issue directly from the
population of focus

Reflect with a PDC

Engage a Prevention Data Committee (PDC) to understand & reflect on issues throughout this phase.



**Establish a
Diverse Group**



**Shape the
Local Voice**



**Reflect on
Findings**



**Ensure
Compliance**



**Build
Capacity**



**Promote
Results**