PLANNING

Phase 3 of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) focuses on selecting the best strategies to address the problem of practice within a community. Key activities include creating a logic chain, considering and selecting strategies, considering change, and engaging with available resources.

Create a data-driven logic chain to link various elements from the planning process.

Write a series of if-then statements to articulate the theory of change.

• If we implement [evidence-based strategy], then we can expect [expected outcome on the local conditions].
• If we [see expected outcome on local conditions] then we can expect [expected outcome on intervening variable] as evidenced by [data source].
• If we [see expected outcome on intervening variable], then we can expect a reduction in [problem of practice outcome] as evidenced by [data point(s)].

Complete a strategic plan map to connect the theory of change, theory of action and outcomes.

Know the Authorizing Environment

Examples of important stakeholders:
• Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)
• Ohio’s Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup (EBP) & Committee for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (CEDI)

Understand the Approval Process

• Be aware of any position statements or guidance from approving groups.
• Review submission procedures to streamline the process.


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