



SUSTAINABILITY

An overarching component of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) focuses on considering the sustainability of prevention efforts. Key activities include building a sustainability team and a series of sustainability questions.

Build the Sustainability Team

Begin by building the sustainability team.

Identify Key Players

Who are the key people that need to be involved in the conversations about sustainability?

Consider Sustainability

What are you trying to sustain? *(Consider the following as conversation catalysts.)*

Organizations & Projects

What organizations, projects & capacity need to be sustained?



Ideas

What ideas from the initiative's core principles, values, & beliefs need to be sustained?



Relationships

What connections among people & institutions need to be sustained?



Outcomes

What results from the initiative need to be sustained?

Consider Public Value

What evidence do you have that what you are doing is worth sustaining?

Questions to Consider

- How are you impacting the community and its members?
- What results are valued by the community?
- What results are valued by leaders?



Consider the Authorizing Environment

What institutional supports, structures, and/or policies need to be in place to achieve sustainability?

Questions to Consider

- What currently exists to support your initiative?
- What could be strengthened to ensure sustainability?
- What is blocking or obstructing your efforts?
- What is still needed to ensure sustainability?



Consider Operational Capacity

What capacity is necessary to sustain this effort and where will that capacity come from?

Identify & Assess

- Internal strengths
- Internal weaknesses
- External opportunities
- External threats



Process Strengths & Challenges

What needs to be strengthened to support sustainability?



Capitalize on Strengths



Prepare for Obstacles



List Communication Strategies



Identify Key Next Steps

See Also: SAMHSA. (2017). *Focus on Prevention*. HHS Publication No. (SMA) 10–4120. Rockville, MD: <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Focus-on-Prevention/sma10-4120>

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