

Action Steps for Prevention Practitioners

SPF Step 2: *Capacity Building*

Take Action!

This resource highlights action steps for the capacity building step of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF).

Capacity building helps prevention practitioners identify resources and build readiness to address substance misuse. Prevention efforts that are well-supported with adequate resources and community readiness are more likely to succeed.

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Address gaps in resources

- ❑ Using the resource assessment data collected in SPF Step 1, identify the fiscal, human, and organizational resource gaps that you have.
- ❑ Create an action plan to address the identified resource gaps.
- ❑ Work with stakeholders, partners, and others to identify opportunities to fill the resource gaps.

Develop/Strengthen prevention team

- ❑ Develop or enhance an effective infrastructure for your prevention team.
- ❑ Review who is on your prevention team and identify any gaps of expertise and/or experience. If gaps are identified, recruit new members of your prevention team to fill the gaps.
- ❑ Ensure all members of your prevention team have the foundational knowledge and skills needed to implement effective prevention. Address any gaps identified.

Raise community readiness

- ❑ Using the readiness assessment data collected in SPF Step 1, determine your community's level of readiness for prevention.
- ❑ Review the [Tri-Ethnic Center's](#) list of strategies to improve your community's level of readiness for prevention.
- ❑ Implement strategies to increase your community's readiness.