

Action Steps for Prevention Practitioners

SPF Step 3: *Planning*

Take Action!

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

Planning should be:

- Driven by data collected during the assessment of needs, resources, and readiness (SPF Step 1)
- Informed by the community's current prevention capacity (SPF Step 2)

Planning will:

- Lay the groundwork to determine which programs/strategies will be implemented (SPF Step 4)
- Identify the goals and objectives that will be tracked as part of evaluation (SPF Step 5)



For additional guidance on the SPF, visit:

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Prioritize risk and protective factors

- ❑ Enlist community partners in prioritization process
- ❑ Review data collected (Step 1) on risk/protective factors
- ❑ For the risk/protective factors that data indicate might be a priority, answer the following questions:
 - How much does the risk/protective factor impact substance misuse in *your* community?
 - Does your community have the capacity – readiness and resources – to change a particular risk/protective factor
 - Is there a suitable evidence-based program/strategy to address the risk/protective factor?
- ❑ Examine data on disparities for each prioritized risk and protective factor to identify populations of focus

Select prevention strategies

- ❑ Identify potential prevention strategies to address priority risk/protective factor(s), taking into consideration [What Works, What Doesn't Work](#) and accessing the resources in [Guide to Online Registries for Substance Misuse Prevention Evidence-Based Programs and Practices](#).
- ❑ For each potential strategy consider:
 - If it addresses your priority risk/protective factor(s)
 - If evidence exists showing it to be effective
 - If it is a good fit your community
 - Partners needed to implement the strategy
 - Whether it is sustainable to implement over time
- ❑ Engage community partners in a process to finalize strategy selection

Develop action plan

- ❑ For each prevention strategy selected, develop an action plan that identifies objectives, concrete action steps, persons responsible, and time line