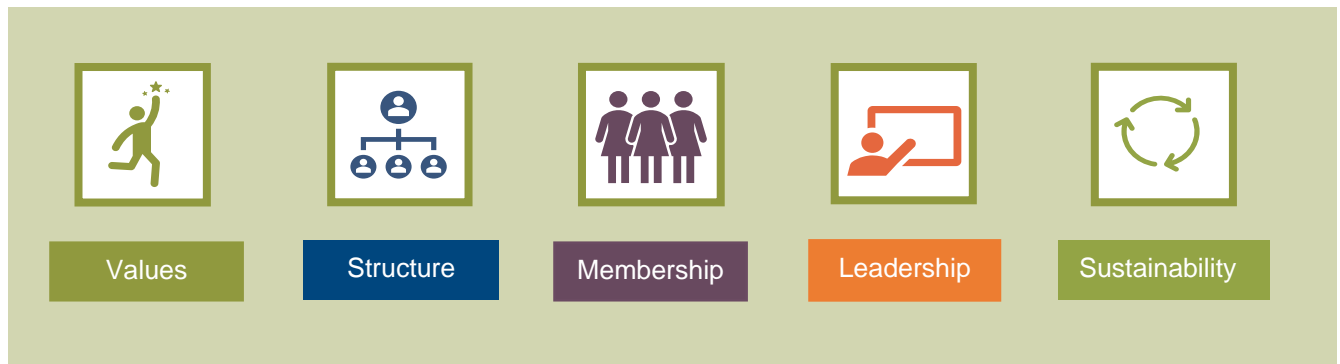




## Coalition Best Practices Resources

This is a companion document to the *Focus on Coalition Best Practices* webinar. Below you will find links to resources, guides, and toolkits for successful community coalition work.



### General Best Practices



#### [Six Elements of Effective Coalitions Resource Toolkit](#)

Developed by the Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network, this toolkit includes various resources related to six key elements, or coalition characteristics, shown through research to promote the adoption of science-based prevention practices that generate improved community conditions and behavioral health outcomes for youth.

#### [Building a Coalition 1: Starting a Coalition Tools](#)

Developed by the University of Kansas as part of the Community Tool Box, these tools walk through the beginning stages of starting a coalition – everything from recruiting members to running the first meeting. The tools include information on creating a strong foundation for your organization including creating clear vision and mission statements, and defining shared values.

#### [What Makes and Effective Coalition? Evidence-based Indicators for Success](#)

This document from The California Endowment covers coalition best practices in detail with information on preparing for success in all components of coalition development and functions, including defining shared values. The resource includes a tool on assessing coalition capacity that can be used to determine how to improve and grow your coalition.

## Structure



### [Selecting Prevention Strategies that Work](#)

This toolkit and PPT presentation from the Great Lakes PTTC take coalition members and prevention practitioners through first tasks of Step 3 of the Strategic Prevention Framework: Prioritizing risk and protective factors and selecting an evidence-based strategy.

### [Developing Community Agreements](#)

This resource from the National Equity Project provides tips on how to identify the needs of the group from a consensus-driven process to ensure every person feels safe, support, open, and trusting.

## Membership



### [Tips for Successful Recruitment](#)

This resource from the NE and Caribbean PTTC provides some tried-and-true tips from seasoned prevention practitioners on “getting to yes” when recruiting potential prevention partners.

### [Are Members Satisfied?](#)

This worksheet from the NE and Caribbean PTTC includes survey questions that prevention practitioners can use to solicit member feedback on their experiences and how well coalition processes and procedures create a culturally welcoming, engaging, and responsive environment for members to work together.

### [The Prevention Coalition’s Role in Addressing Health Disparities](#)

This resource from the Pacific SW PTTC is designed to assist both newly formed and seasoned coalitions to determine the who, what, and how to reduce health disparities as they implement substance misuse prevention programs. This handout can be used as an organizing and/or training resource for coalitions.

## Leadership



### [Building Your Coalition Through Effective Leadership](#)

This recorded webinar from the Great Lakes PTTC reviews the best practices in effective coalitions and our role as leaders to implement those practices. The importance and role that leadership plays in successful coalitions is discussed.

### [Tips for Ensuring Culturally Competent Collaboration](#)

This tip sheet is designed to help prevention practitioners incorporate culturally competent practices, policies, and strategies that increase the effectiveness of their coalition’s interventions and collaborative efforts.

**[Strategies for Implementing Community Agreements in Meetings/Group Conversations](#)**

This guide from the NE and Caribbean PTTC includes strategies that are useful for navigating complex conversations, creating an inclusive working environment, and encouraging dialogue.

**Sustainability**



**[Sustainability Planning Toolkit](#)**

This toolkit created by the NE and Caribbean PTTC offers a five-step sustainability planning process to help communities move from understanding to action, and to identify and secure the resources needed to maintain positive prevention outcomes beyond current funding. The steps include setting sustainability goals, selecting your sustainability approach, identifying needed resources, collaboration and partnership mapping, and developing your sustainability outreach approach.