

Appendix 1

SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)

Online Course: <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/what-is-spf>

The SPF is a planning model promoted by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support coordinated, comprehensive, data-driven planning and accountability. Designed to be long-term and evolutionary in nature, the resulting plan should build on knowledge and experience over time, and lead to measurable outcomes and system improvements. There are five (5) steps of the SPF developed to organize prevention strategies and objectives for change:



Five Steps:

Assessment: What is the problem?

Capacity: What do you have to work with? What are your human resources?

Planning: What works, and how do you build upon success?

Implementation: Put a plan into action – deliver evidence-based interventions as needed.

Evaluation: Examine the process and outcomes of interventions. Is it succeeding?

All Applicants should utilize this five-step process in the organization of their prevention strategies and objectives for change, and as a guide in the development of a Comprehensive Community Prevention Plan (CCPP). These steps, if implemented well, will strengthen the coalition and enhance their risk assessment when applying for funds.

The five steps of the SPF are guided by two central principles:

Cultural competence – the ability of an individual or organization to interact effectively with members of diverse population groups.

Sustainability - the process of developing funding streams other than from grants and building an adaptive and effective system that enhances and maintains desired long-term results.

These principles must be integrated into each step to ensure an effective planning process.