

Connecticut Strategic Prevention Framework



Frequently Asked Questions

<p>What is SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework?</p>	<p>The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) is a community-based approach to substance abuse prevention that cuts across existing programs and systems. SPF implements a data-driven, five-step process known to promote youth development, reduce risk-taking behaviors, build assets and resilience, and prevent problem behaviors across the life span.</p>
<p>What are the five steps?</p>	<p>The five steps of SAMHSA'S Strategic Prevention Framework are designed to help states and communities build prevention capacity and infrastructure necessary to implement and sustain effective prevention policies, practices, and programs.</p> <p>Step 1: Profile population needs, resources, and readiness to address needs and gaps. Step 2: Mobilize and/or build capacity to address needs. Step 3: Develop a Comprehensive Strategic Plan. Step 4: Implement evidence-based prevention programs, policies, and practices. Step 5: Monitor, evaluate, sustain, and improve or replace those that fail.</p>
<p>Who administers the Connecticut SPF?</p>	<p>Connecticut's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (CT SPF) is a five-year cooperative agreement with SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.</p>
<p>What is the State's role in the SPF?</p>	<p>DMHAS role is to establish a governance structure, including a SPF SIG Advisory Committee (SSAC) to guide the CT SPF, as well as a State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW) to assess substance use and consequences at the State level. With these entities, DMHAS developed a State Strategic Prevention Plan to guide and support State- and community-level implementation of the SPF.</p>
<p>Are other State agencies involved in the SPF?</p>	<p>The involvement of State agencies and key stakeholders is a crucial aspect of the CT SPF. The Advisory Committee comprises representatives from the CT Departments of Children and Families, Public Health, Corrections, Education, and Transportation, Office of Policy Management, Court Support Services, DEA, academics, law enforcement agencies, and community providers/coalitions including the lead agency for the OJJDP-funded underage drinking initiative and experts on multiculturalism.</p>
<p>What is the community's role in the SPF?</p>	<p>With CT SPF funding and technical assistance from federal and Statewide entities, communities further analyzed priority problems across the lifespan, assessed factors contributing to those problems, and developed Sub-Regional Profiles. Using these profiles, community entities will implement SPF Steps 2-5. This will include capacity building, development of a community strategic plan, (including a logic model), implementation of effective policies, practices, and programs, and evaluation.</p>
<p>What is data-driven decision making in the CT SPF?</p>	<p>The SPF calls for the use of data across all SPF steps for improved decision-making. This includes social indicator data on substance use consequences and consumption, capacity and resource data, and outcome data from the interventions implemented at the State-level and within funded communities.</p>
<p>What has been accomplished so far?</p>	<p>Based on substance use profiles developed by the SEW, the SPF SIG Advisory Committee determined that the State priority was alcohol abuse, including underage drinking. DMHAS then guided the development of Sub-Regional Profiles of alcohol abuse prevention needs and resources using a variety of local data. An RFP for community implementation of SPF steps 2-5 was released on July 21, 2006.</p>
<p>What are the next steps?</p>	<p>Bidders Conferences will be held on August 1-3, 2006. Proposals for community-level implementation of the CT SPF are due on September 15, 2006. Funding will be disbursed on September 30, 2006.</p>

For more information about Connecticut's SPF, go to <http://www.dmhas.state.ct.us/rfp.htm> or contact Dianne Harnad, Director of Prevention, at dianne.harnad@po.state.ct.us