

Understanding Your Community's Profile

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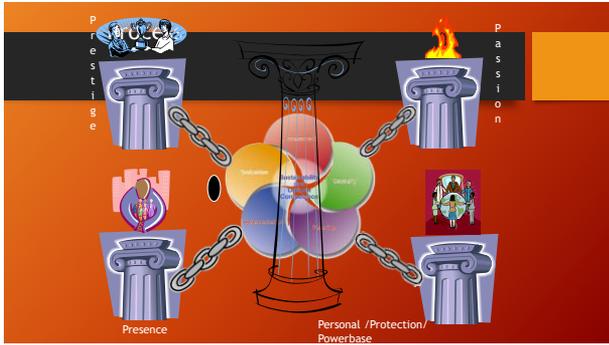
Learning Objectives

- Review North Carolina Data
- Overview assessment
- Define components of assessment
- Discuss the types of data
- Time to Plan

SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework



- Assessment**
Profile population needs, resources, and readiness to address needs and gaps
- Capacity**
Mobilize and/or build capacity to address needs
- Planning**
Develop a Comprehensive Strategic Plan
- Implementation**
Implement evidence-based prevention programs, practices and activities
- Evaluation**
Monitor, evaluate, sustain, and improve or replace those that fail



Framing the Issue:
Why are we here today

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- Understand the opioid issue(s)
- Reduce the stigma
- Unify in messaging
- Coordinate efforts

“As trusted Faith Leaders, it’s our duty to work together to share best practices, increase awareness, promote education, and improve treatment, through a unified approach to combating this epidemic”

Why Do Assessment?

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- Answers the question, “What is going on in my community?”
- More specifically, it identifies:
 - The nature and extent of the problem
 - The conditions that contribute to the problem
 - The resources that currently exist
 - The gaps in the resources
 - The readiness of the community to address the problem

Assessing Population Needs

Why is local assessment critical?

To change a problem locally, you must understand it. Only then can you identify the best way to solve it.



Defining the Problem

Involves examining the data related to the community's substance abuse (Opioid) and related problems

- Quantitative data - are expressed in numerical terms and answers the question "How Many?"
- Qualitative data - are non-numeric data rich in detail and description, and help answer the question "What Does it Mean?"

Taking Stock

- See what the State has collected
- Look for existing survey data
- Collect new data



Setting Priorities

Assessing Resources

- What resources are available?
- Where are the gaps?

Identified Needs



Available Resources

Pulling Together a Team



Don't go it alone!

Assess Together

- Identify team based
- Should be Reflective of diversity of community
- Skills or similar job functions





ACTION PLANNING TIME...

Who's at the Table...

Name of your Community & Describe	Who is your targeted audience	Goal(s) you are trying to achieve

Passion drives you to that next level...It will take a Team!

What does the data say in your Community (risk or protective factor)	Where did/would you find that data	How would you collect current data	Name/Organization to assist in the process	Next Steps Timeline

Findings from your Assessment should include the following:

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- Assessment of the magnitude (how big is the problem) of SA
- Assessment of risk and protective factors associated with SA
- Assessment of the number of individuals at risk for substance abuse
- Assessment of the community's assets and resources
- Identification of gaps in services and capacity
- Assessment of readiness to act
- Identification of priorities based on epidemiological analyses

Questions & Discussions