

Austin Impaired Driving Action Team

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SAFE AND
DRUG-FREE
YOUTH



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Public
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PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.



Objectives

1. TxSDY and APH:

How did we come together and what's our approach?



2. IDAT:

How did we form and how do we accomplish our work/goals?

3. Community:

How could you replicate this in your community?





01

How We Came Together

Spectrum of Prevention

**Influencing Policy
& Legislation**

**Changing Organizational
Practices & Skills**

**Fostering Coalitions
& Networks**

Educating Providers

**Promoting Community
Education**

**Strengthening Individual
Knowledge & Skills**

Health Impacts of Excessive Alcohol Use



High Blood Pressure, Heart Disease, Stroke, Liver Disease



Mental Health Problems



Cancer



Poor Pregnancy Outcomes



Weakening of Immune System



Sexually Transmitted Infections & Unintended Pregnancy

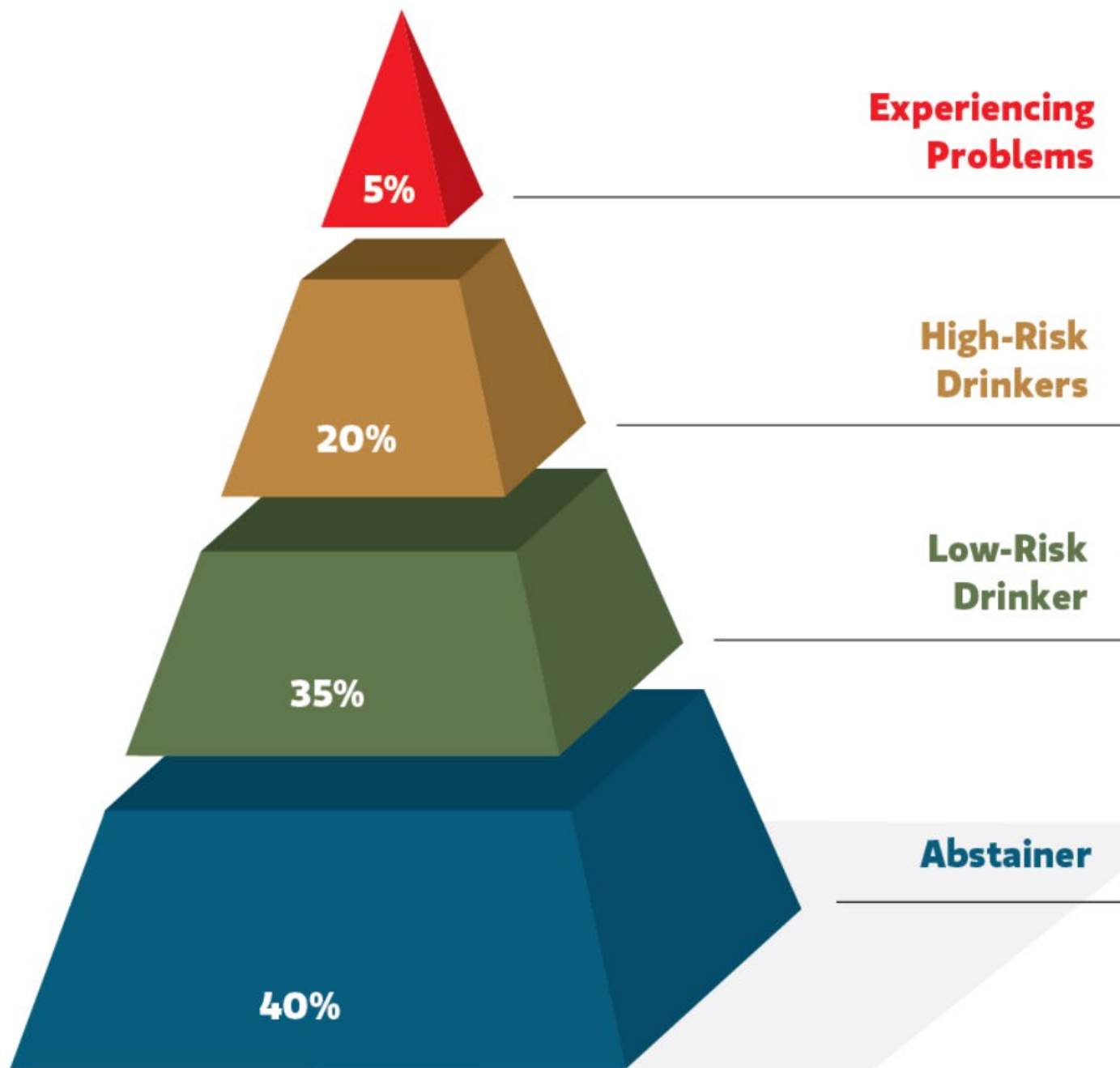


Learning & Memory Problems, Including Dementia



Injuries, Violence, & Poisonings

Types of Drinkers



Drinker's Pyramid

Individual Strategies



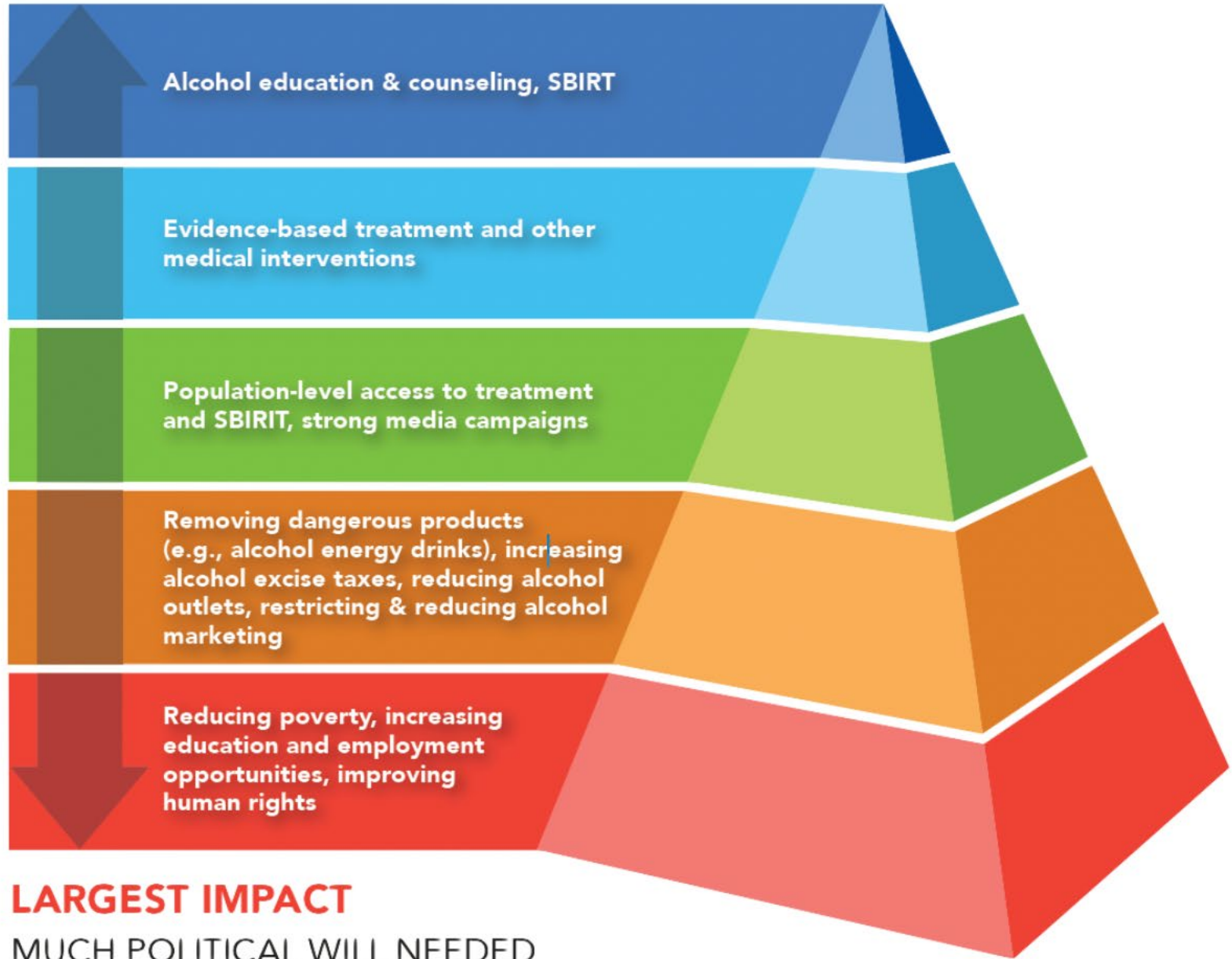
Environmental Strategies



Friedan's Health Pyramid

SMALLEST IMPACT

LITTLE POLITICAL WILL NEEDED



LARGEST IMPACT

MUCH POLITICAL WILL NEEDED

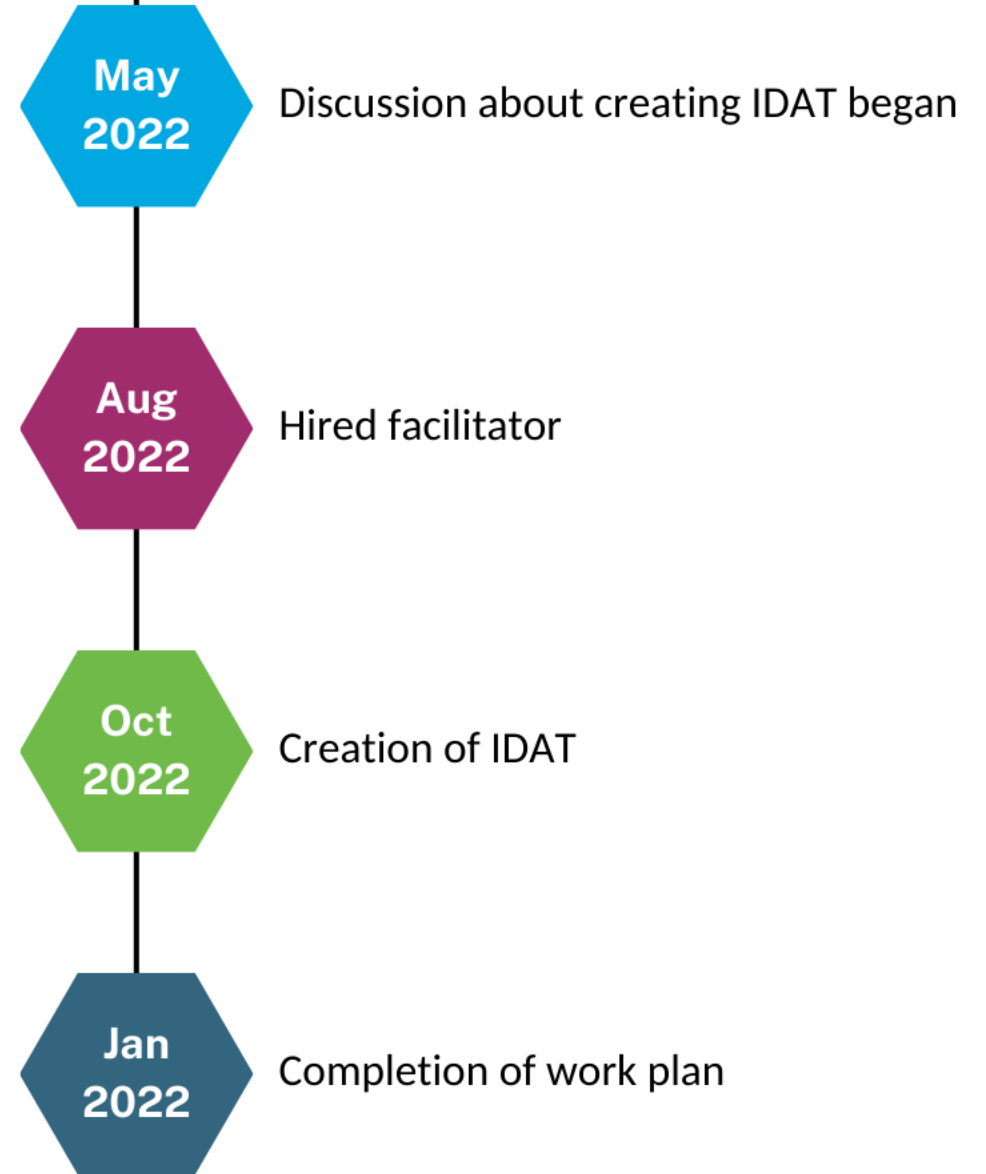


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How IDAT Was Formed

IDAT Formation Timeline

TxSDY began working to develop a coalition prior to 2022, then merged efforts with APH in the spring of 2022.



What Works: Preventing Alcohol- Impaired Driving

Strategies Recommended with Strong Evidence

Publicized Sobriety Checkpoint Programs

0.08% Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Laws

Ignition Interlocks

Maintaining Current Minimum Legal Drinking
Age Laws

Mass Media Campaigns

Multicomponent Interventions with
Community Mobilization (IDAT)

Addressing Impaired Driving

Adapt an Impaired Driving Action Team to:

- Identify stakeholders
- Review and assess evidence-based interventions
- Identify focus areas
- Develop a workplan with short, medium, and long-term strategies
- Consider equity in all policy and program decisions

IDAT Members

Austin Public Health*

Austin Police Department*

COA Housing and Planning Dept

Dell Medical School

Del Valle ISD

Department of State Health Services

Federal Highway Administration

Integral Care*

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Mobility Blueprint

The Sobering Center

TABC*

Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth*

Texas Transportation Institute

Travis County Probation Office*

Travis County Attorney's Office*

Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program

TxDOT*

University of Texas

Vision Zero*

Proposed Areas of Focus

1



Data
Improvement

2



Public Education
& Awareness

3



Policy

4



Enforcement &
Prosecution

01.

Data Improvement

Current

- CRIS crash data (TxDOT)
- Versadex - Arrest data, Citation data (APD)
- Calls for Service (APD)

Ideas

- Place of last drink (PLOD)
- Alcohol-related flag
- Crash report (CR-3) accuracy including contributing factors & narrative





02.

Education & Awareness

Current

- TxDOT mass media campaigns
- Vision Zero
- No-refusal enforcement
- Travis County Underaged Driving Prevention Program
- MADD

Ideas

- Amplify TXDOT campaigns through coordination with local partners
- Improve existing education programs
- Expansion of alcohol screening and brief interventions
- Linkages to recovery options for those with substance use disorders

03.

Policy



Current

- Dram Shop Liability
- BAC .08
- BAC .00 for those under 21
- Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)

Ideas

- Regulation of alcohol advertising
- Regulation of alcohol outlet density
- Enforcement of rules for to-go beverages
- CBD zoning



04.

Enforcement & Prosecution



Current

- DWI enforcement/No-refusal
- Drug Recognition Experts
- TABC risk-based enforcement
- DWI court
- Ignition Interlocks

Ideas

- Implement Place of Last Drink (POLD)
- Use of alcohol-related flag
- Mandatory field sobriety testing and/or blood testing of those in fatal crashes
- Assessment of substance abuse for all driving while impaired offenders

Impaired Driving Action Team

Strategic Workplan Development

Proposed Focus Areas

Data
Improvement

Education and
Awareness

Policy

Enforcement and
Prosecution

Meeting
#1

Goals: Broad, long-term aims that define accomplishments of the mission.
(Main Objective for Today: Identify the goals of each focus area.)

Meeting
#2

Objectives: Specific, quantifiable, realistic targets that measure the accomplishments of a goal over a specified period.

Meeting
#3

Strategies: Broad activities required to achieve each objective. There may be multiple strategies for each objective.

Meeting
#4

Tactics: Specific steps to be taken, and by whom, to implement a strategy. There may be multiple tactics for each strategy.

Titles for Areas of Focus



Moving Forward

Prearranged three meetings over the course of two months developing objectives & strategies for workplan

Alignment tool sent out

Final meeting identified the tactics to prioritize in the first year

Identified strongly supported strategies

Alignment Tool Questions

Scoring: 1 to 5

This focus area aligns with my organization's strategic plan or overall goals.

My organization currently has allocated resources (staff time, funding, etc.) to address this focus area.

My organization will assist with identifying additional stakeholders to participate in this focus area.

My organization will provide input to address gaps within this focus area and move forward with objectives through workgroup participation.

Strategic Work Plan

A: Enforcement, Prosecution, and Diversion

****Objective A1:** By March 31, 2023 conduct field sobriety tests on all drivers involved in a fatal vehicle crash in Travis County.

- **Strategy A:** APD to develop and implement a policy and process to conduct field sobriety tests on all drivers involved in a fatal vehicle crash.
- **Strategy B:** Law enforcement agencies in Travis County who use DPS services for vehicular crash support will develop and implement a policy and process to conduct field sobriety tests on all drivers involved in a fatal vehicle crash.

Goals	Activities	Responsibility	Start Date	Complete Date
1.	A.	• APD		
2.	A.	•		
3.	A.	•		

Timeframe			Supporting Focus Areas		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P&P Create internal policy for law enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E&A How to education the public. Media, promotion, and advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Data

Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional staff, additional training, increased paperwork.
Hurdles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional staff, additional training, increased paperwork. APD waiting on six new DREs. • Possible vehicle shortage coming.



IDAT

Accomplishments

Feb 2023 to Dec 2024

01.

Data Improvement

Implemented new policy to have APD conduct field sobriety tests on all drivers involved in a fatal vehicle crash.

Identify persons with shared experiences related to impaired driving who are willing to participate in a Community Advisory Board about impaired driving.

Collect emergency department alcohol / drug use syndromic data.





02.

Education & Awareness

Work with TxDOT to assess current campaign materials, resources available, target audiences, and how to access and implement.

Coordinate holiday campaign around reducing impaired driving and using a safe ride home.

03.

Policy



Work with hospitals and FQHCs to assess current practices on SBIRT and support entities to implement SBIRT.


Implement college-based SBI.

Assess the City of Austin alcohol permitting process.



04.

Enforcement & Prosecution



Increase enrollment in the DWI court intensive treatment program by providing funding to purchase alcohol monitoring equipment and pay for ongoing monitoring associated fees for individuals with financial barriers.

Other Items on Strategic Plan

1. Increase Enrollment in Substance Abuse Treatment

2. Asses for Substance Use in DWI/DUI Arrests

3. Obtain Impaired Driving Data from Insurance

4. Increase Impaired Scooter Driving Awareness

5. Demonstrate TABC Educational Offerings

6. Promote “Check Your Drink”

7. Increase Collaboration Between Sobering Center and Law Enforcement

8. Support Drinking Alternatives

9. Alcohol-to-Go Compliance Checks

10. Full-Time DWI Enforcement Unit



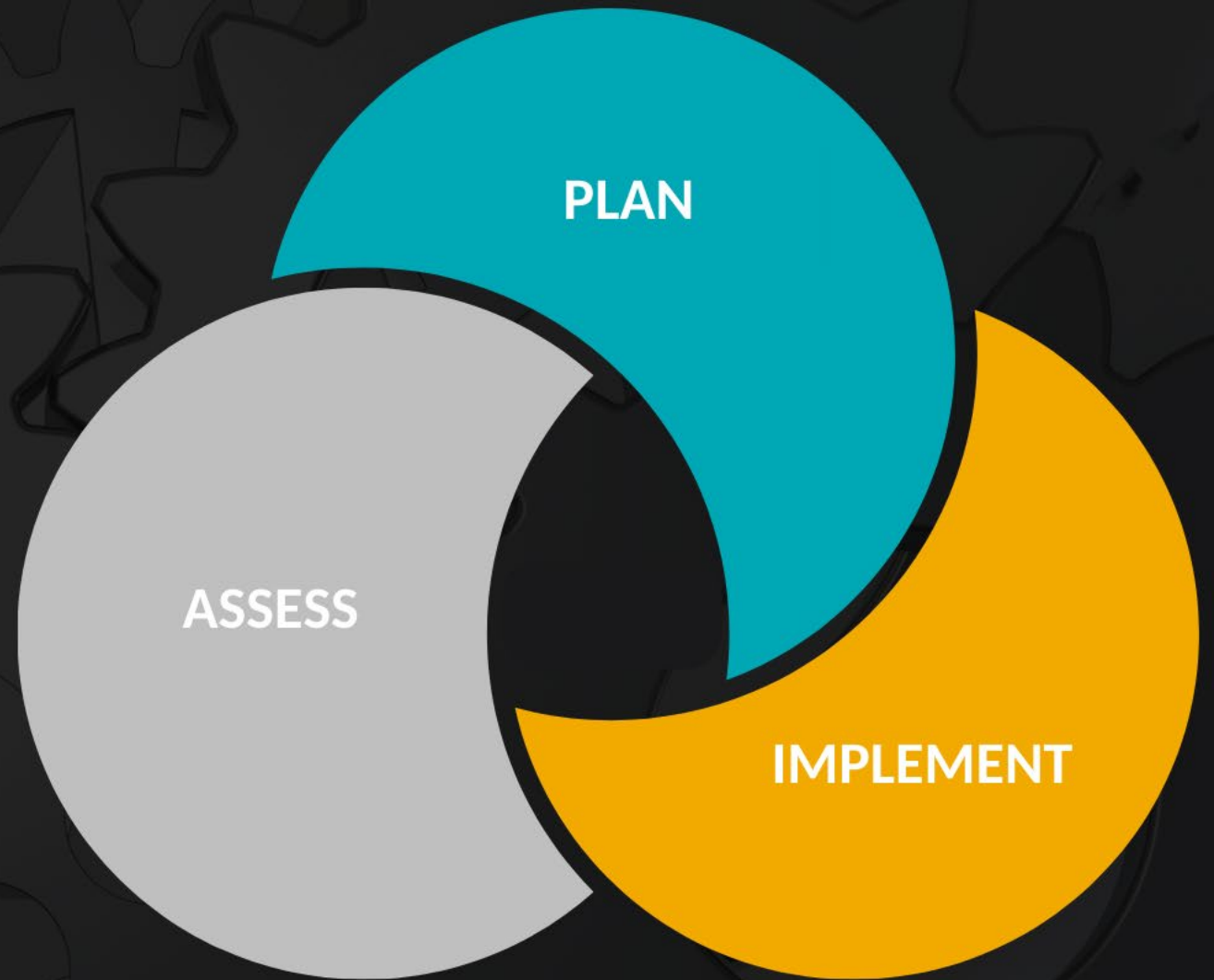
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**How You Can
Do This Too!**

Coalition Process

The Strategic Plan is not a single-year plan.

As a coalition, we identify what to work on, carry out that work, and assess the process on a regular basis then adapt accordingly.



Common Goal

Group members come together with a common understanding of the problem(s) to solve.

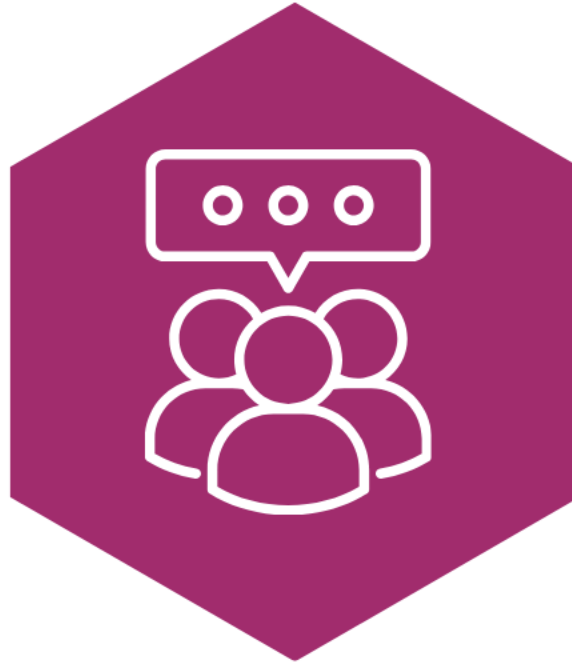
Commitment to Strategies

Together, the group commits to using proven strategies to address the problem(s) and developing a strategic plan with long- and short-term goals.

Implementing Population-Level Strategies



Create a Strategic Plan



Create Workgroups for
Areas of Focus



Develop Work Plans that
Connect to Strategic Plan

Questions & Discussion



Thank you!

If you have any questions, feel free to connect with us!



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