



## **Community Level Implementation of Step 1–Assessment:** Profile population needs, resources, and readiness to address needs and gaps

Step 1 in the SPF Framework includes collecting and reviewing data on substance abuse, assessing available resources in the community, and identifying service gaps based on indicated needs. Colorado communities were encouraged to work through this step by:

- ❖ Utilizing ASPIRE (<http://aspire.omni.org>) to access centralized, public data
- ❖ Administering the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS)
- ❖ Collecting additional supplemental, local data
- ❖ Conducting a coalition assessment
- ❖ Conducting a community readiness assessment
- ❖ Conducting a gaps analysis

## **Step 2 - Capacity building and community mobilization:** Mobilize and/or build capacity to address needs

Step 2 in the SPF Framework involves mobilizing resources in the community in order to address the needs identified in Step 1 and plan effective prevention efforts. Colorado communities were encouraged to implement Step 2 of the Framework by:

- ❖ Identifying and engaging key stakeholders, including youth leaders and school partners
- ❖ Expanding the sectors of service providers and other agencies engaged in the process
- ❖ Networking and collaborating with other coalitions
- ❖ Building and/or restructuring a coalition
- ❖ Providing education and training to coalition and community members
- ❖ Developing new resources that promoted greater community awareness and/or youth and school engagement
- ❖ Establishing a Prevention Policy Board

## **Step 3 – Strategic Planning:** Develop a comprehensive strategic plan

Through Step 3 implementation, communities were encouraged to select evidence-based programs, policies, and/or practices that strengthened the comprehensiveness of local prevention efforts and that reflected a data-driven prevention plan. Colorado communities engaged in the following Step 3 activities:

- ❖ Organizing and facilitating a community wide planning process
- ❖ Compiling planning content and drafting the strategic plan
- ❖ Facilitating community and/or coalition decision making regarding the selection and prioritization of programs, practices and policies
- ❖ Refining the strategic plan over time to make it more comprehensive, strengthen the evidence base and increase responsiveness to local conditions

## **Step 4 – Implementation:** Implement evidence-based prevention programs, policies, and practices

Step 4 in the SPF Framework involves taking action to implement the strategic plan to build local prevention infrastructure and address underage drinking in the community.

Communities in Colorado were encouraged to:

- ❖ Expand or enhance existing prevention efforts that address prevention priorities (based on needs) and implement new prevention activities where there are gaps
- ❖ Select and implement evidence based environmental strategies in addition to evidence based programs as part of a comprehensive approach to prevention
- ❖ Adapt programmatic efforts to the local environment and to be culturally responsive to youth subpopulations

## **Step 5 – Evaluation and Monitoring:** Monitor, evaluate, sustain and improve or replace strategies that fail

Step 5 in the SPF Framework involves the evaluation of SPF implementation in communities, including the strategies implemented in Step 4. This includes evaluating the fidelity of strategy implementation, measuring collective prevention outcomes and providing information that can be used to improve efforts. Colorado communities participated in:

- ❖ Formative evaluation of CPP process
- ❖ Assessments of SPF fidelity and adaptation
- ❖ Environmental strategy-specific process and outcome evaluation
- ❖ Community level and statewide outcome evaluation
- ❖ Additional local evaluation activities (e.g., pre-post curriculum measures) where desired.