

## What is the Interagency Prevention Partnership (IPP)?

Ohio is committed to the well-being of its children and families. This commitment is demonstrated through the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council that have articulated Ohio's effort to achieve the following outcomes:

- Expectant Parents and Newborns Thrive
- Infants and Toddlers thrive
- Children are Ready for School
- Children and Youth Succeed in School
- Children and Youth Engage in Healthy Behaviors
- Youth Successfully Transition into Adulthood

In 2003, the State of Ohio established a State Steering Committee convening representatives from the Governor's Office of Family and Children First and the Cabinet Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Education, Health, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and Youth Services as well as the Department of Public Safety, the Office of the Attorney General and the Drug Enforcement Agency. In May 2004, the steering committee became the Interagency Prevention Partnership to reflect the commitment of the member agencies to continue the work of building infrastructure and capacity in Ohio's prevention system. The partnership was charged to provide recommendations to the Governor for a "*Shared State Prevention Framework*" that would establish constants for prevention that would provide for greater consistency and coordination of state resources in meeting community prevention and early intervention needs. The Committee used existing prevention systems as a foundation to work towards a more cohesive and collaborative system that coordinates and maximizes resources.

Through the Interagency Prevention Partnership (IPP), the state developed a "*Shared State Agency Prevention Framework*" that sets forth a shared: 1) vision, 2) mission, 3) definition, and 4) theoretical framework for prevention services across State agencies. Contained in this document are 17 strategies identified by the IPP as guidelines for an effective and efficient prevention system that meets community prevention and early intervention needs to ensure the well being of all Ohioans. Three of these strategies focused on data collection and evaluation of prevention services. In response to the strategies, the IPP elicited the expertise of the Expert Prevention Panel (EPP). Made up of experts and epidemiologists from seven Ohio universities, the Ohio Department of Health epidemiologist and staff from the Central Center for Application of Prevention Technologies (CCAPT) the Expert Prevention Panel (EPP) serves as Ohio's State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup (SEOW) and is guiding the development of state and county-level epidemiological profiles. The EPP provides technical oversight and expertise regarding assessment, research and evaluation. These seven universities (University of Akron, Bowling Green State University, University of Cincinnati, Miami University, The Ohio State University, Ohio University, and Wright State University) serve a diverse population of students from every race and ethnicity represented in Ohio's population.

The State partners continue to work towards collectively implementing and sustaining Ohio's Prevention Model. These partners assume an overarching responsibility to engage in the implementation of the Shared Framework to ensure the Ohio prevention system is effective and efficient. The cooperation among State partners and stakeholders is intentional and ongoing.

The Interagency Prevention Partnership speaks with one voice through many voices to support the efficient and effective delivery of evidenced based prevention policies, practices, strategies and programs throughout Ohio.

### ***Shared Definition of Prevention***

A proactive continuum of services which empowers individuals, families and communities to meet the challenges of life events and transitions by creating and reinforcing conditions that impact the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and cognitive well-being and promote safe and healthy behaviors and lifestyles

#### ***The scope of these prevention practices may include:***

- Universal: Targeting everyone before there is a sign of a problem.
- Selective: (Early Intervention) Targeting the earliest sign of a problem, or whenever a person or group can be identified "at risk" for developing a problem.
- Indicated: (Intervention) Targeting individuals identified as experiencing a problem behavior to prevent the progression of a problem.

### **Mission and Vision**

The **mission** of the participating State partners is to implement the strategies of "Ohio's Shared State Agency Prevention Framework," promote collaboration<sup>1</sup> and enhance prevention resources to ***better*** meet the ***prevention and early intervention*** needs of all Ohioans.

The **vision** of the participating State partners is for "Ohio's Shared State Agency Prevention Framework" to guide an effective and efficient prevention system that provides for greater consistency and coordination of state resources in meeting community prevention and early intervention needs to ensure the well-being of all Ohioans.

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<sup>1</sup> See OSASPF for definition of collaboration.

## **Roles of the IPP**

- Promote and support interagency collaboration
- Act as a liaison among the IPP, State agencies, Cabinet Council and the Governor's Office
- Promote access to resources for prevention
- Identify, promote and champion evidence-based prevention practices
- Oversee the implementation and progress of "Ohio's Shared State Agency Prevention Framework"
- Update and revise "Ohio's Shared State Agency Prevention Framework"
- Promote state agency infrastructure to support prevention in Ohio
- Utilize data to identify gaps in resources and/or services to better support the ability of local communities to implement evidence based culturally appropriate practices, policies, and programs.
- Evaluate the impact of the implementation of "Ohio's Shared State Agency Prevention Framework"
- Communicate regularly with the field, State agencies, Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and the Governor's Office
- Provide and/or sponsor trainings and conferences related to prevention
- Assure diverse state level representation and participation in the IPP
- The IPP agencies will develop and implement individualized agency work plans related to the strategies of the Framework.
- The IPP will develop, implement and support a variety of joint projects through a regular cycle of planning, implementation and evaluation.

## **Guiding Principles**

1. Identification of needs and program development should be "population-based" and directly responsive to the needs of the consumer. Therefore, decision making related to *prevention and early intervention* programming is a function of the local community.

2. Programming should be “culturally appropriate.” According to the National Center for Cultural Competence at Georgetown University,<sup>2</sup> “culturally appropriate” means that over an extended period of time organizations:
  - have a defined set of values and principles and demonstrate behaviors, attitudes, policies and structures that enable them to work effectively cross-culturally
  - have the capacity to value diversity, conduct self-assessment, manage the dynamics of diversity, acquire and institutionalize cultural knowledge and adapt to diversity and the cultural contexts of the communities they serve
  - incorporate the above in all aspects of policy making, administration, practice, service delivery and systematically involve consumers, key stakeholders and communities
3. When possible, prevention programs should be evidence-based. Evidence-based prevention practices refer to prevention policies, strategies, programs and practices consistent prevention principles found through research to be fundamental in the delivery of services.
4. IPP actions are strategic and consistent with Ohio’s Shared State Agency Prevention Framework, relevant to the mission and accountable to specific outcomes associated with individual agency and collaborative projects.

## **Ohio’s Shared State Agency Framework Prevention Strategies**

### **Strategy 1:**

Develop clear standards, mandates, or policies that reflect the Shared Prevention Framework.

### **Strategy 2:**

Seek out and coordinate federal, state and other non-local funding to leverage support for the Ohio Shared State Prevention Framework.

### **Strategy 3:**

Work together to maintain a strong prevention workforce that is well trained and experienced.

### **Strategy 4:**

Gather the information necessary to guide effective decision making about prevention needs, strategic directions and system performance.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www11.georgetown.edu/research/gucchd/nccc/>

**Strategy 5:**

Continue the collection of prevention data through student surveys and social archival data.

**Strategy 6:**

Develop and implement a statewide, community and program-level (participant) data collection system so local stakeholders can capture impact of community prevention efforts.

**Strategy 7:**

Provide support and training in the use of State and community needs assessment to leverage and allocate prevention resources and to evaluate prevention progress.

**Strategy 8:**

Consistently evaluate the performance of Ohio's Prevention System.

**Strategy 9:**

Employ the most current technology to access the state's prevention needs, evaluate system performance and manage resources.

**Strategy 10:**

Communicate effectively with each other, local partners, the media and the public.

**Strategy 11:**

Promote identification and implementation of evidence-based programs, policies, strategies and activities based on needs assessment prevention data that are cost effective and impact risk and protective factors in multiple domains of community, family, school, individual and peers.

**Strategy 12:**

Develop and implement a plan that ensures that prevention organizations/programs enhance their capacity to 1) value diversity, 2) conduct self assessment, 3) manage the dynamics of difference, 4) acquire and institutionalize cultural knowledge and 5) adapt to the diversity and cultural contexts of individuals and communities served, to provide culturally-appropriate prevention services.

**Strategy 13:**

Partner with Ohio's colleges and universities to insure that the behavioral health workforce is prepared to meet the prevention needs of Ohio's citizens. Assist in advancing evidence-based prevention practice, strategies and programs.

**Strategy 14:**

Develop an agenda to address and meet the prevention needs of Ohio's adult population.

**Strategy 15:**

Continue to work in collaboration to address stigma issues that frequently interfere with the delivery of prevention services.

**Strategy 16:**

Continued commitment of the members of the Interagency Prevention Partnership (IPP) to participate in regular meetings and provide continuous quality improvement guidance.

**Strategy 17:**

Provide annual report to the Cabinet Council on the progress of the implementation of these strategies.

**Shared Leadership**

- The IPP meetings are led by two co-chairs volunteering to serve twelve month terms. The terms of co-chairs should be staggered to assure continuity.
- The agencies that fulfill these roles provide administrative support with assistance from The Ohio State University Center for Learning Excellence staff.
- The leadership will be responsible for providing orientation to new members.
- The leadership will convene the IPP at least quarterly with additional meetings scheduled as necessary.
- The specification of agency and collaborative outcomes and implementation procedures will result in both an ongoing strategic plan and annual report presented to Cabinet Council by the leadership.