Shedding Light on Community Readiness: Helping Evaluators Target Specific Dimensions When Measuring Community Readiness

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Table 1. Common Dimensions of Community Readiness Across Measures

Dimension	Operationalization	Measures
Resources	Resources that could be used or are being used to address the issue	(Oetting et al., 2014)
	Funding commitment for prevention	(Community Partner Institute, n.d.)
Collaboration	Organizations consciously pursuing collaborative approach to prevention;	(Community Partner Institute, n.d.)
	Collaborate with other organizations, cultivate strong communal ties	(Prevention Institute at the Center of Community Well-Being, n.d.)
Efforts towards prevention	Implementation of prevention programs	(Beebe et al., 2001)
	Involvement in prevention efforts	(Goodman & Wandersman, n.d.)
	Adherence to Spectrum of Prevention (influence policy and legislation; change organizational practices; foster coalitions and networks; educate providers; promote community education; and strengthen individual knowledge and skills)	(Prevention Institute at the Center of Community Well-Being, n.d.)
Attitudes towards prevention	Support for prevention programs and policy	(Beebe et al., 2001)
	Community attitude towards addressing the issue (community climate)	(Oetting et al., 2014; Wright & Greene, n.d.)
	Concern for the issue	(Goodman & Wandersman, n.d.)
Leadership	Attitude of leadership towards addressing issue	(Oetting et al., 2014; Wright & Greene, n.d.),
	Effectiveness and consensus building skills of local leadership	(Chilenski et al., 2007)
	Advocates of prevention in community	(Community Partner Institute, n.d.; Prevention Institute at the Center of Community Well-Being, n.d.)
Knowledge of issues	Community knowledge of issue	(Oetting et al., 2014; Wright & Greene, n.d.)
	Perception of problem within community	(Beebe et al., 2001)
Knowledge of prevention efforts	Community knowledge of current programs and activities	(Oetting et al., 2014; Wright & Greene, n.d.)
	Awareness of prevention efforts	(Goodman & Wandersman, n.d.)

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