



# STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

## Strategic Prevention Framework & 12 Community Sectors

The SPF uses a five-step planning process to guide states, jurisdictions, tribes, and communities in the selection, implementation, and evaluation of effective, culturally appropriate, and sustainable prevention activities. The SPF process:

- Promotes youth development
- Reduces risk-taking behaviors
- Builds assets and resilience
- Prevents problem behaviors across the life span of the programs

The idea behind the SPF is to use findings from public health research along with evidence-based prevention programs to build capacity and sustainable prevention. This, in turn, promotes resilience and decreases risk factors in individuals, families, and communities.

Effective prevention coalitions must include a minimum of one member/representative from each of these 12 community sectors:

- Youth (persons <= 18 years of age)
- Parents
- Business community
- Media
- Schools
- Youth-serving organizations
- Law enforcement agencies
- Religious or fraternal organizations
- Civic and volunteer groups
- Healthcare professionals
- State, local, or tribal governmental agencies
- Other organizations involved

