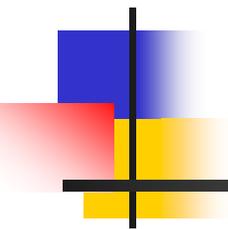
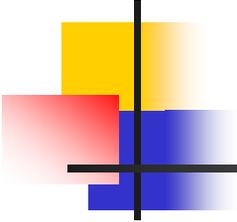


Connecticut Coalition for the Advancement of Prevention (CCAP)

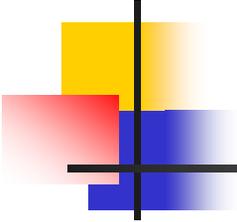


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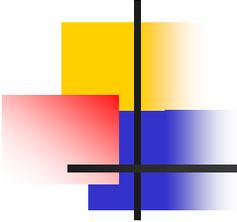
Purpose

- The purpose of the Connecticut Coalition for the Advancement of Prevention is to build on state policy plans (Alcohol and Drug Policy Council, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health) and affirm current statewide efforts through the development of a comprehensive and unified strategy to implement and evaluate best practice prevention programs that promote mental health and prevent violence and alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.



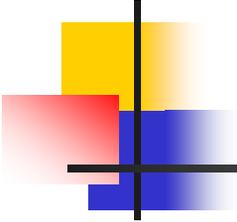
Vision Statement

- People in Connecticut of all ages and cultural backgrounds live in healthy environments where everyone has meaningful opportunities to contribute to the health and wellbeing of each other and their communities.



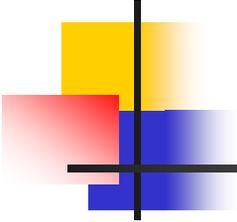
Mission

- To advance a coordinated, statewide prevention system that embraces diversity and effectively promotes the health and wellbeing of all individuals, families, and communities in Connecticut.



The mission will be achieved by:

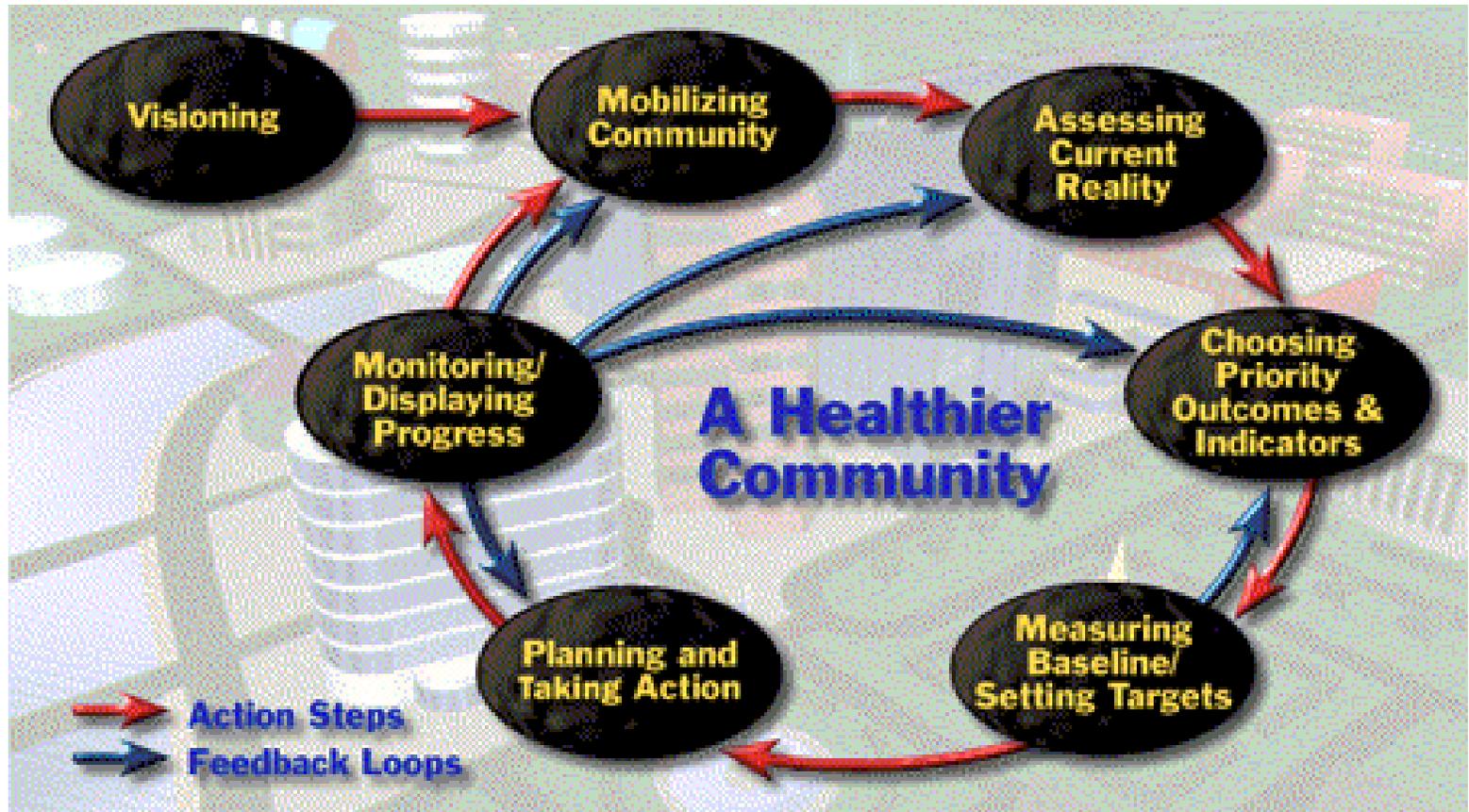
- Utilizing sound prevention principles and practices to promote mental health and prevent substance abuse and violence;
- Building statewide and community prevention efforts guided by policy and a comprehensive and unified strategy;
- Creating a shared framework of state and community strengths and resources to respond to needs;
- Identifying statewide and community strategies based on state-of-the-art prevention theory, research, and models that guide implementation and sustainability;

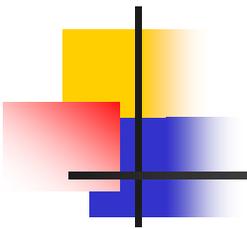


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- Fostering inclusion of diverse ideas, beliefs, and practices in the development, adaptation, and provision of culturally appropriate prevention services;
- Building capacity for evaluation that includes effective outcome measures; and
- Applying creative marketing approaches to raise public awareness about prevention for the success of this mission.

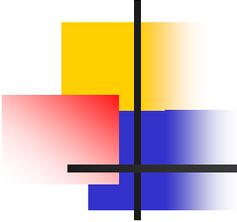
Vision and Mission Process





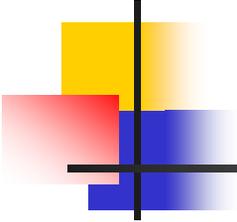
Connecticut's Proposal Background

- *Connecticut's proposal to address a critical gap in the areas of mental health promotion and violence/substance abuse for at-risk children is based on the following key factors:*
 - 1. Data for at-risk children collected, through nationally and locally qualified institutions, show a clearly indicated and elevated need for targeted mental health promotion and violence and substance abuse prevention approaches for younger children.



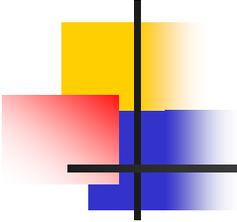
Background Cont.

- 2. Analysis of the current prevention services within Connecticut's service system reveals a lack of integrated mental health promotion and violence and substance abuse prevention programming for children and requires new and better-structured methods and cross agency systems of care.
- 3. Current program components do not reflect an understanding of the comprehensive needs of at-risk children and lack the skills, tools, and resources necessary to be effective in providing integrated interventions.



Background Cont.

- 4. The risk reduction needs of children demands comprehensive exemplary prevention interventions that integrate culturally relevant, gender-specific, and developmentally appropriate prevention systems in local Connecticut communities.



Membership

- Coalition membership consists of a multitude of varied stakeholders representing the citizens of Connecticut.
- Members specifically include the State Agency Workgroup (DMHAS, DCF, DOE, DPH, DSS, OPM, Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division, and Commission on Children) and additional representatives identified in the Coalition Wheel: Community-Based Prevention (Figure 1).

Connecticut Coalition for the Advancement of Prevention

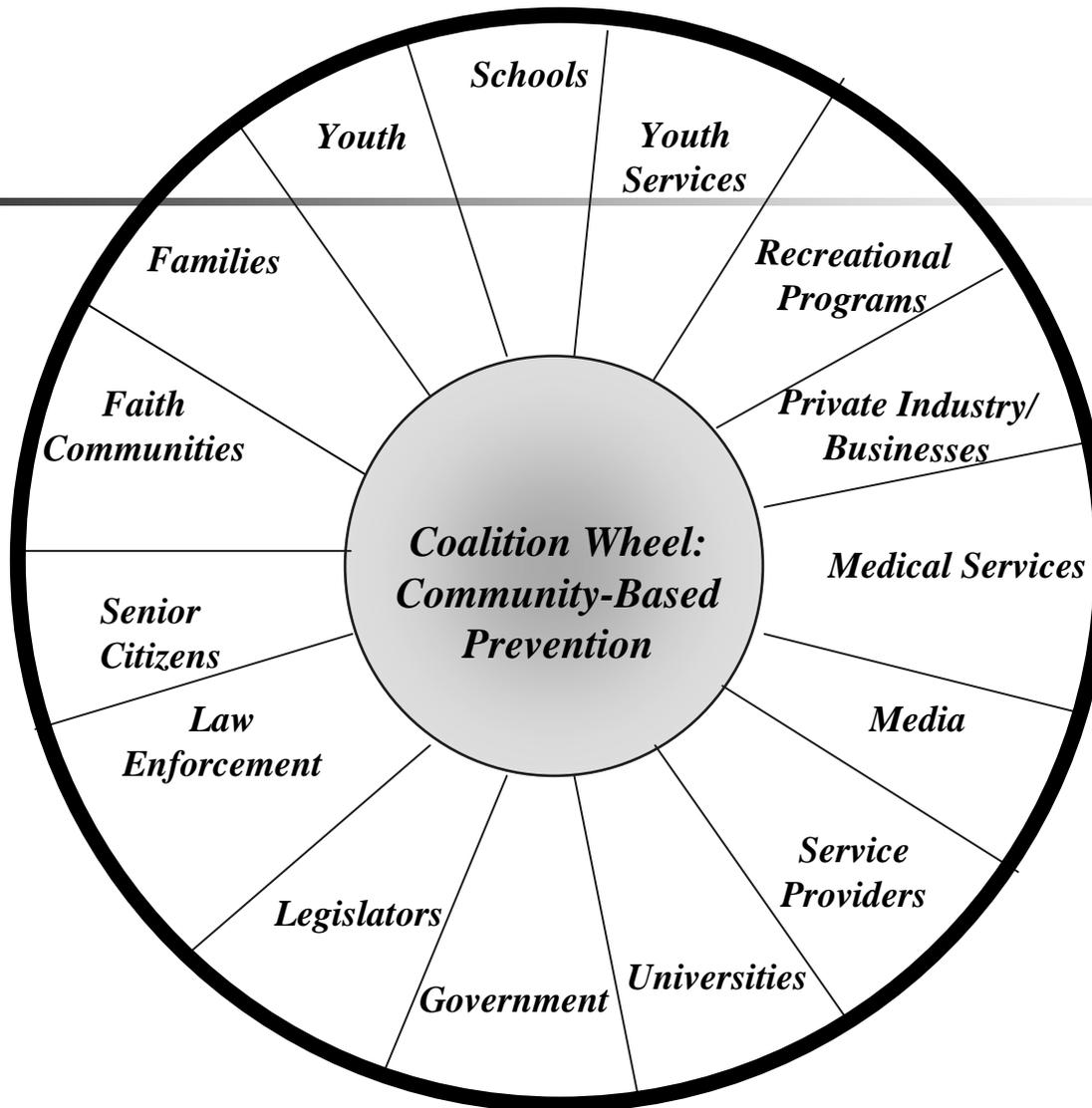
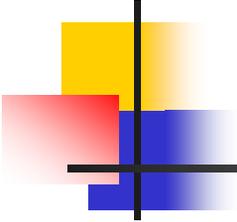


Figure 1

The *CT Coalition for the Advancement of Prevention* requires members from each of the above entities. Please think about individuals that you may know who could assist us with advancing the Coalition's purpose.



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