

## Community Resource Assessment Checklist<sup>1</sup>

A community resource assessment can help identify potential resource gaps, build support for prevention efforts, and ensure a realistic match between the needs identified by the community and its available resources. Focus assessments on relevant resources related to the priority problem. Resources can include many factors beyond staff and financial support. Use the following checklist to help assess your community's resources.

OUR AGENCY HAS CONSIDERED...	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<input type="checkbox"/> EXISTING COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO ADDRESS PREVENTION ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In what ways can our agency build upon existing efforts?</li> <li>• In what ways can our agency partner with those engaged in existing community efforts?</li> <li>• What data collection efforts related to prevention already happen in the community?</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THOSE EFFORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent is the community aware of those efforts?</li> <li>• What evidence shows this level of community awareness?</li> <li>• In what ways can the agency increase awareness of those efforts?</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE OF PREVENTION RESEARCH, THEORY, AND PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What specialized knowledge, if any, exists; and, to what extent can our agency leverage this knowledge?</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH SPECIFIC POPULATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What specific populations does our agency have experience working with?</li> <li>• To what extent does the problem relate to these specific populations?</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> KNOWLEDGE OF THE WAYS THAT LOCAL POLITICS AND POLICIES HELP OR HINDER PREVENTION EFFORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In what ways do local politics and policies help or hinder prevention efforts?</li> <li>• What strategies can our agency implement to address these challenges?</li> </ul>

\*\*For more information and resources, please visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/applying-strategic-prevention-framework>\*\*

<sup>1</sup> Content within checklist adapted from Strategic Prevention Framework content on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's website, <http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/applying-strategic-prevention-framework>