



Developing Sexual Violence Prevention Planning Committees: Lessons Learned from EMPOWER

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Web Conference Logistics

- Please have phones on mute unless asking a question
- Time for questions and dialog at the end
- Web conference will be recorded and archived at www.nsvrc.org for future viewing

Sexual Violence Prevention Planning Committee (SVPP) and RPE Requirements

- SVPP must include:
 - Health Department
 - State Sexual Assault Coalition
 - CBOs (including RCCs)
 - Non-RPE funded agencies that do SV prevention

SVPP and RPE Requirements

Strongly Recommended:

- Community partners
- Youth-serving organizations
- Organizations that work with men & boys
- Organizations that work with marginalized communities
- Universities & colleges
- Faith based organizations
- Organizations that do primary prevention
- Health Department leadership

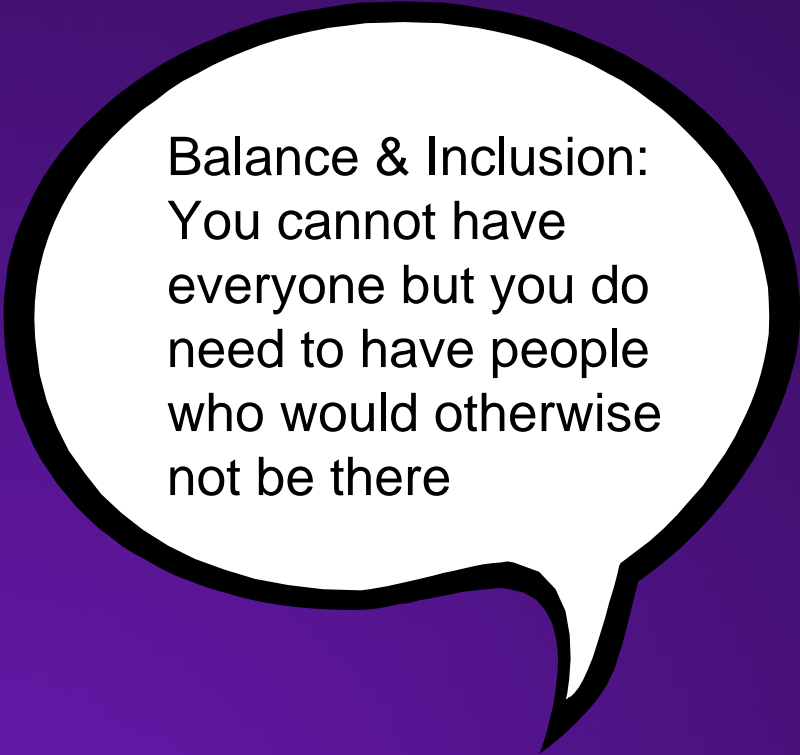
WHY plan with a group?

- Broad base of knowledge and information
- Variety of perspectives and experiences
- Supports/builds collaboration
- Many hands make light work
- Builds buy-in and “legs” for your plan

Identifying Potential SVPP Members

Consider

- Demographics
 - Race/ethnicity
 - Culture
 - Age
 - Ability
 - Sexual Orientation
 - Gender
- Geography
- State Leaders
- Community Leaders

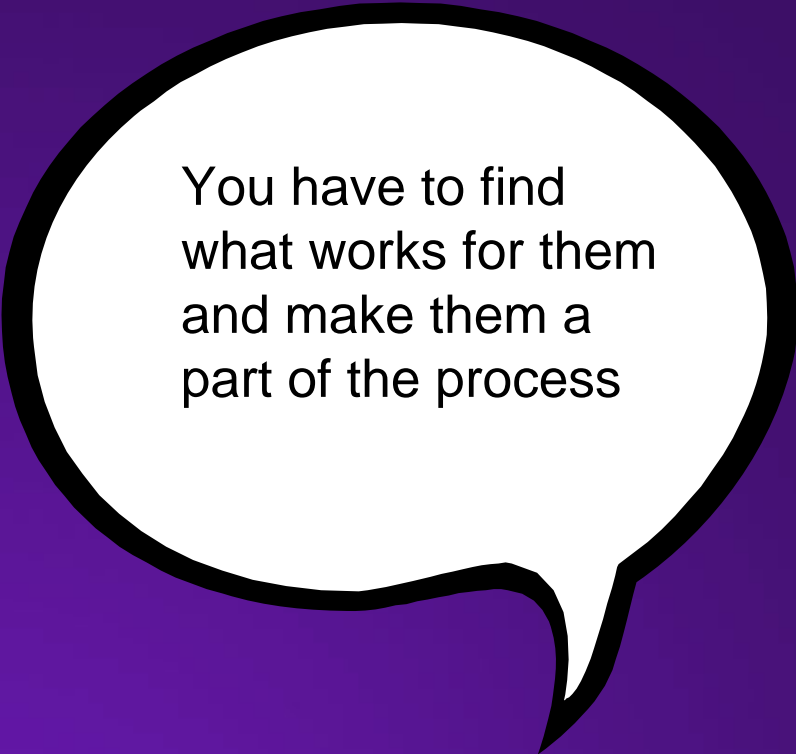


Balance & Inclusion:
You cannot have
everyone but you do
need to have people
who would otherwise
not be there

Your SVPP should be a reflection of your state.

Recruiting SVPP Members

- “Date” your SVPP Members
- Clearly explain the planning process
 - SVPP is doing the work of planning (not advisory)
- Put expectations in writing (“job” description)
- Highlight what they will get out of being on the SVPP
- Be flexible & accessible



You have to find what works for them and make them a part of the process

SVPP “Job Description”

Opportunities

- Being a part of a social change movement
- Skills development in strategic planning, evaluation, etc.
- Networking
- Participating in national demonstration project
- Inform and shape state and national rape prevention and education program

SVPP “Job Description”

Commitments

- Attendance at # of meetings
- Participation in committees
- Notice of resignation
- Process
 - Respectful and constructive
 - Integration of diversity
 - Focus on: primary prevention, public health approach, use of SEM, use of empowerment evaluation approach

Courtesy of the NC EMPOWER Program

EMPOWER SPTs the “Usual Suspects”

- State Agencies
 - Department of Health
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Mental Health
 - State Police
 - Substance Abuse
 - Department of Education
 - Victims of Crime
- Local SV and DV programs
- State SV and DV coalitions

EMPOWER SPTs the “Usual Suspects”

- Colleges/Universities
- Youth Violence Coalitions/Organizations
- Child Abuse Coalitions/Organizations
- People with Disabilities
Coalitions/Organizations

EMPOWER SPTs

Including New Partners

- Human Rights & Relations (work includes trafficking and anti-oppression)
- Criminal Justice Reform/Prison Abolition
- Office of Minority Health
- CBO that works with African American Churches/Other faith-based
- LBGT Organizations
- Refugee, Immigrant, Migrant Health

EMPOWER SPTs

Including New Partners

- Men's Groups
- Individuals that serve as links back to specific racial/ethnic and other identity communities
- Sex Offender Treatment Providers
- Extension Service – 4H

Going Beyond Your SVPP

- Subcommittees
- Focus Groups
- Personal Emissary Work
- Subject Area Experts
- Newsletters
- Other Ideas?

Lessons Learned from EMPOWER

- Need to have communities at the table
- Your SVPP will not be the first list you brainstorm
- SVPP identified gaps and new members needed throughout the process
- Community mapping to identify who needs to be at the table

Lessons Learned from EMPOWER

- Need broad representation – not just those doing the work
- Be intentional about what expertise you need
- It took a long time to ID and recruit members

Lessons Learned from EMPOWER

- Know how the SVPP will function (e.g. more than just developing a plan) and have this drive your membership
- Don't pull your SVPP together until you feel confident about what you are going to do
- Know your internal policies and politics

Lessons Learned from EMPOWER

- Build in mechanisms those who had to drop off the SVPP for continued input
- Have a back-up list ready and keep those folks informed about the project
- Think through the first 2-3 meeting agendas, timelines and milestones before hosting your first meeting

Lessons Learned from EMPOWER

- Planning takes a huge amount of time and effort
- This will not be a smooth easy process
 - Key people won't commit
 - There will be conflict
 - Things will not go according to plan
- **HOWEVER**, you **WILL** have successes!

Questions?



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