The Structure of Coalitions in MA and How They Make a Difference

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Organizational Structure of MCSP

MA Dept. of Public Health – Suicide Prevention Program

MA Coalition for Suicide Prevention (MCSP)

Regional Coalitions (10 across state)

Community Coalitions
Where we began...

- Late 1990’s subcommittee formed through a grant for Violence Prevention within MA DPH

- Invited other state agencies, 3 Samaritans branches, Harvard Pilgrim Foundation

- 1999 – grant ended but committee continued – name change to MCSP
The Birth of MCSP

- 1999 – funding was small from a foundation

- Created a strategic plan based on the National Plan

- Formed an Executive Committee – but not bylaws or policies
MA DPH Funding

- 2004 – state funding becomes available (MCSP hires part-time employee)
- 2008 – state funding triples
- 2011 – MCSP becomes a membership paying organization to hire an advocate
- 2012 – MCSP hires full-time Managing Director
MCSP Efforts

- Executive Committee
- Using Data
- Statewide Efforts (MCSPTalks, MassMen Campaign)
- Updating the State Strategic Plan
- Evaluation
Regional Coalitions

- Early 2000’s – first two RC formed
- 2007 – Third RC formed through GLS Grant
- 2015 – 10 Regional Coalitions across the state

- How does data play a role
- “Ground Work” – trainings
Regional Coalitions
Community Coalitions

- Not formally connected to Regional Coalitions – but encouraged

- Roughly 10 Community Coalitions throughout state

- Reactive vs. Proactive (use of data)
Youth Coalitions

- How formed - Current GLS Grant
- Structure - Subset of Regional Coalition
- How are youth engaged/recruited
Youth Coalitions

- GY 1 – first two coalitions formed
- GY 2 – 3rd youth coalition/Hire Consultant
- GY 3/4 – Bring on rest of the coalitions
- GY 4/5 – Youth Summit
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