



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



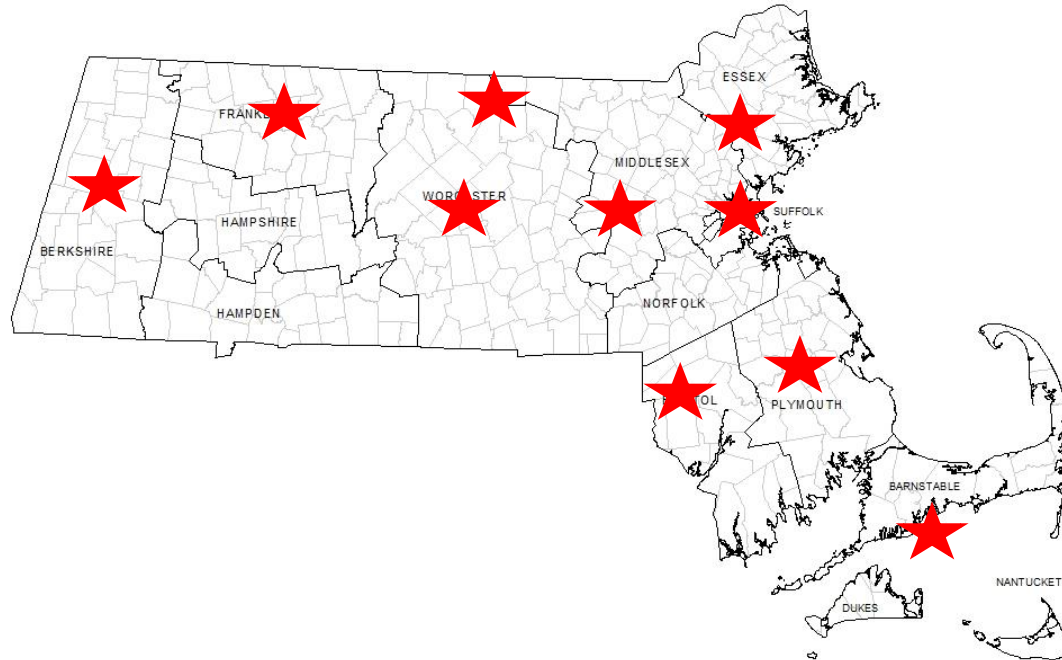
- Executive Committee
- Using Data
- Statewide Efforts (MCSP Talks, MassMen Campaign)
- Updating the State Strategic Plan
- Evaluation



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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