

COALITION PREVENTION CAPACITY ASSESSMENT BOARD MEMBER

CPCA Board Member

Welcome to the **Coalition Prevention Capacity Assessment!** The information you provide in this survey will help you plan and prioritize what your state domestic violence coalition (“Coalition”) may want to change to better support the primary prevention of intimate partner violence (IPV) in your state.

It should take you about 10 minutes to complete this survey. Your answers are confidential and what you say personally will never be released in any public report or document.

Let’s Get Started!

Please note that the term “Coalition” refers to your state domestic violence coalition.

In what state is your state domestic violence coalition (“Coalition”)?

State: _____

Who do you represent on the Board of Directors?

- Local domestic violence agency/shelter/advocacy organization
- Local or regional organization
- Survivor or family member
- Other (please specify _____)

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How long have you been a member of the Board of Directors?

- less than one year
- between 1-2 years
- more than 2 years, but less than 4 years
- more than 4 years

Comments:

How actively do you participate on the Board of Directors?

- I participate in the majority of meetings/activities and decisions that are made
- I participate in some meetings/activities
- I do not regularly participate in meetings/activities or decisions

Comments:

NOTE: In this survey, the term “primary prevention” refers to activities and strategies that keep intimate partner violence (IPV) or domestic violence (DV) from **first occurring**. Please note that for this survey, “prevention” does NOT include any activities with people who have already been exposed to abuse. Working with children who have been exposed to IPV or DV within their family is not primary prevention UNLESS your aim is to prevent them from becoming abusive.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This section of questions asks about the activities and make-up of your Coalition’s Board of Directors. Please answer to the best of your knowledge, and remember that **your responses are confidential**.

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TALKING ABOUT PREVENTION

How often does your Board discuss prevention topics during regular board meetings?

- Not at all
- A little (Prevention topics are occasionally discussed; not a planned discussion)
- Somewhat (Prevention topics are discussed at many of our board meetings; may or may not be a planned discussion)
- Very much (Prevention is included as a regular agenda item at our board meetings)

In the past year, to what extent has your Coalition included primary prevention as a topic at Board retreats?

- N/A We do not have Board retreats or they serve a different purpose
- Not at all
- A little (We have started discussions, but it has not been formally included e.g., not on the agenda)
- Somewhat (Prevention is included on the agenda, but is not as much of a focus as other work of our coalition)
- Very Much (Prevention is included at the same level of focus as every other focus of our coalition)

Comments:

In what other settings or ways (if any) is prevention discussed within the Board of Directors?

To what extent do you think the current active Board membership is doing primary prevention work?

Not at all

A little

Somewhat

Very much

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To what extent has it been difficult to get the “right” people to join your primary prevention efforts—that is, people with the skills, talents, or political connections needed?

Not at all

A little

Somewhat

Very much

LEADERSHIP

This LAST section of questions asks about the leadership that your state domestic violence coalition has to support prevention. Please answer to the best of your knowledge - and do not ask others for input. Remember, your answers are confidential and will not be tied to your name in any way.

How positive is the working relationship between your Coalition staff and Coalition Board members?

- Not positive at all
- A little positive
- Somewhat positive
- Very positive

Comments:

Who would you say holds the most decision making power for the Coalition’s programmatic direction?

- Coalition Staff
- Coalition Board
- Staff and Board have equal decision-making power

Comments:

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In your position within the Coalition, how high of an OVERALL priority is supporting primary prevention efforts compared to other Coalition priorities?

- A lot lower
- Somewhat lower
- About equal
- Somewhat higher
- A lot higher

Comments:

In your opinion, how much does the Board of Directors (as a whole) support primary prevention efforts compared to other Coalition priorities?

- A lot lower
- Somewhat lower
- About equal
- Somewhat higher
- A lot higher

Comments:

In your opinion, how well do the majority of the Coalition Board Members understand the difference between the primary prevention of IPV and responding to IPV?

- A lot lower
- Somewhat lower
- About equal
- Somewhat higher

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A lot higher

Comments:

Deciding where to begin to strengthen your Coalition's capacity for primary prevention efforts...

Below are five areas in which your Coalition can start working to strengthen its primary prevention efforts during the next year. These are not in any particular order, although it will help your action planning if you start to think about where to prioritize your efforts to build your organization's primary prevention capacity.

In your opinion, where should your Coalition focus its prevention work during the next year?

- 1) Work internally: spend time defining primary prevention and developing a common language and understanding of prevention among staff and board members
 - 2) Change Coalition organizational structures and processes (such as mission statement, job descriptions, meeting agendas and staff retreats) to better support primary prevention
 - 3) Work with Coalition leadership to improve their support for IPV primary prevention
 - 4) Improve Coalition partnering and coordination of state-level IPV prevention resources and activities
 - 5) Improve Coalition staffing to support primary prevention (such as staff training and time devoted to prevention)
 - Other (please specify):
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At the beginning of this survey, we asked that you let us know if you received help from others while answering the questions. Please write down who helped complete the survey (if anyone), and on what type of questions. Thanks!

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME
TO COMPLETE THE COALITION PREVENTION CAPACITY ASSESSMENT!**