

## COALITION MEMBER SURVEY

Dear Coalition Member:

This survey is being distributed to members of our coalition. It asks about your participation on your coalition, including questions about your prevention knowledge, skills and attitudes, your satisfaction with the coalition and what changes you expect to see in your coalition and your community as a result of coalition efforts.

Do not put your name on this survey. You will be asked to provide the last four digits of your social security number, which will be used to code the surveys. Since you will be asked to complete the survey again in the future, this code will help determine how things change over time.

All information will be confidential; the information you supply will be combined with the responses of others in your coalition. Furthermore, no data from individual communities will be identified in any public report or document. However, combined responses for your own coalition will be returned to the coalition coordinator in a brief report which can then be used to identify areas of strength for your coalition and potential areas for improvement.

This survey will probably take 20 or 25 minutes to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary. There are no known risks to taking part in this survey. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not wish to answer. Your answering the survey is taken as your consent to participate.

Thank you for your help!

**EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED CIRCLE THE RESPONSE THAT BEST EXPRESSES YOUR OPINION**

1. NAME OF COALITION: \_\_\_\_\_

2. LAST 4 DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_ \_

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION**

3. Are you currently a member of the Coalition ?..... YES NO

4. If your coalition has voting members, are you currently a voting member of the Coalition? ..... YES NO NA\*

5. How many months have you been a member of the Coalition ?..... months

6. How many regular Coalition meetings were held during the past 12 months? ..... meetings

7. How many regular Coalition meetings did you attend over the past 12 months? ..... meetings

8. What kind of roles do **YOU** play in the Coalition? (Circle YES or NO after each.)

a. Talk at meetings ( make comments, express ideas, etc. )..... YES NO

b. Serve as a member of a committee..... YES NO

c. Do work for the Coalition outside of meetings ..... YES NO

d. Help organize activities (other than meetings) ..... YES NO

e. Chair a committee ..... YES NO

f. Chair the entire Coalition ..... YES NO

g. Serve as a Coalition officer other than chair (e.g. treasurer, secretary )..... YES NO

h. Direct a particular prevention curriculum implementation (e.g. Life Skills, Parenting Wisely) ..... YES NO

i. Serve in a paid capacity as Coalition coordinator ..... YES NO

9. In the average month, about how many hours of your time have you given to the Coalition in the following activities (please fill in number of hours for each activity).

a. \_\_\_\_ hours for regular Coalition meetings.

b. \_\_\_\_ hours for Coalition work outside of regular meetings (for example, attending activities, preparing for meetings or activities, paperwork)

c. \_\_\_\_ **Total Hours**-may include other activities not mentioned above

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\* not applicable

10. Do you live in the community (or communities) served by your Coalition ..... YES NO

11. Is your participation in the Coalition... (Please check one.)

- ☐ Voluntary, uncompensated by any source
- ☐ Part of your job for an agency that does not receive any of SPF-SIG money awarded to the Coalition
- ☐ Part of your job for an organization receiving SPF-SIG money (e.g. contracted services)
- ☐ As a direct employee of the Coalition (e.g. paid staff member)

12. A Coalition may have members who come from many different community sectors, such as human service organizations, schools, parent groups, concerned citizen, government, etc. What community sector do you come from whose viewpoint you offer to the Coalition?

Community sector: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Sometimes, a Coalition may lack representation from a community sector or sectors that its members feel are important. Do you feel your Coalition currently lacks representation? If so, please list from which sector(s):

Community sector(s): \_\_\_\_\_

14. Participants on Coalitions can "represent" the viewpoint of their organization or group in several ways. Please only check the one statement that best describes your representation.

- ☐ Although I come from a particular organization or group, I "represent" only my own personal viewpoint while serving on the Coalition.
- ☐ I "represent" the official view-point of my own organization or group and report this to the Coalition.
- ☐ Other organizations like mine express their viewpoint through me, therefore, I "represent" this community "sector" to the Coalition.

15. Do you have the authority to make "official" decisions (such as committing to certain actions) on behalf of your organization or group at Coalition meetings? (Please check one.)

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ Not without approval of other staff in my organization.
- ☐ Not without approval of my board or membership.
- ☐ Not at all.
- ☐ Not applicable, not part of any organization.

16. Below are several statements about your participation in the Coalition. Circle the number to the right of each statement that shows how much you agree or disagree.

		Strongly <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Neither Agree nor <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>
a.	I find it hard to speak up at Coalition meetings .....	5	4	3	2	1
b.	I can work well as part of the Coalition group .....	5	4	3	2	1
c.	I can help the group with the planning process .....	5	4	3	2	1
d.	I can organize people in the community to get things done .....	5	4	3	2	1
e.	My abilities are effectively used by the Coalition.....	5	4	3	2	1
f.	I can contribute knowledge about the content of alcohol and other drug prevention curricula to the group.....	5	4	3	2	1
g.	I can contribute expertise in the implementation of alcohol and drug prevention curricula to the group .....	5	4	3	2	1
h.	I can help the Coalition to change community environmental conditions (e.g., social norms, policies, enforcement) that impact alcohol and other drug problems .....	5	4	3	2	1

17. Your participation in the Coalition may have changed your personal knowledge, beliefs or skills regarding alcohol and other drug abuse prevention. Please indicate the degree to which you feel each of the following has changed as a result of your participation in the Coalition by circling a number to the right of each statement.

		No <u>Increase</u>	Minor <u>Increase</u>	Moderate <u>Increase</u>	Major <u>Increase</u>
a.	Knowledge of risk and protective factors for alcohol & drug problems .	1	2	3	4
b.	Knowledge of how different types of problems (e.g. violence, teen pregnancy, and so on) may have common risk factors and causes. ....	1	2	3	4
c.	Belief that prevention of alcohol & other drug problems is possible. ....	1	2	3	4
d.	Awareness of resources for prevention programming in my community .....	1	2	3	4
e.	Skills in presenting my views on community needs before a group. ....	1	2	3	4
f.	Skills in designing and implementing prevention curricula. ....	1	2	3	4
g.	Skills in changing community environmental conditions (e.g., social norms, policies, enforcement) that impact alcohol and other drug problems.....	1	2	3	4

## YOUR VIEW OF THE COALITION

18. We'd like to know the way things run in your Coalition. Please indicate the degree to which each statement below describes the way your Coalition works by circling a number to the right of each statement. If you have trouble deciding, choose the answer that describes your feelings most of the time.

	Strongly <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Neither Agree nor <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>
a. The group has a feeling of cohesiveness and team spirit .....	5	4	3	2	1
b. Everyone is involved in discussions, not just a few. ....	5	4	3	2	1
c. The purpose of agenda items is defined and kept in mind .....	5	4	3	2	1
d. The Coalition is disorganized and inefficient .....	5	4	3	2	1
e. The general membership has real decision making control over the policies and actions of the Coalition .....	5	4	3	2	1
f. The group is tolerant of differences or disagreements .....	5	4	3	2	1
g. The Coalition uses the abilities of all, not just a few .....	5	4	3	2	1
h. The group needs more formalization and structure .....	5	4	3	2	1
i. The leader is too "laissez faire" and not in control.....	5	4	3	2	1
j. There is too much talking and not enough doing .....	5	4	3	2	1
k. The Coalition provides opportunities for members to develop new skills .....	5	4	3	2	1

### Coalition Synergy<sup>1</sup>

19. What makes Coalitions unique is their potential to combine the different perspectives, knowledge and skills of a group of people & organizations. This unique combining power has been called synergy. We'd like to know the extent to which you feel synergy is being created in your Coalition. How much do you agree / disagree with each statement?:

	Strongly <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>
a. The Coalition has developed a common language for communication among diverse partners .....	1	2	3	4
b. The Coalition has developed common goals that are understood and supported by all partners .....	1	2	3	4
c. The Coalition is better able to carry out its work because of the contributions of diverse partners .....	1	2	3	4
d. The Coalition has clearly communicated how its action will address problems that are important to people in the community.....	1	2	3	4
e. The Coalition has combined the perspectives, resources and skills of partners .....	1	2	3	4

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<sup>1</sup> Items adopted or adapted with permission from synergy and leadership scales developed by the Center for the Advancement of Collaborative Strategies in Health, New York Academy of Medicine

20. How much has the involvement of different kinds of Coalitional partners.....

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
a. led to new and better ways of thinking about how the Coalition can achieve its goals? .....	4	3	2	1
b. enabled the Coalition to plan activities that connect multiple services, programs or systems? .....	4	3	2	1
c. led to the incorporation of the perspectives and priorities of the populations of interest (e.g., youth) into its work? .....	4	3	2	1
d. built support from individuals, agencies and institutions that can either block the Coalition plans or help them advance? .....	4	3	2	1

21. How frequently do conflicts (e.g., tense or emotional disagreements) occur in your Coalition?

- ☐ Frequently (almost every meeting)  
☐ Occasionally (once every three or four meetings)  
☐ Seldom (only once or twice a year)  
☐ Never

22. How often does your Coalition “work through” or “transform” conflict into a positive outcome for the Coalition (e.g., conflict leads to an improved procedure, or the adoption of a new strategy).

- ☐ Almost always  
☐ About half the time  
☐ Seldom  
☐ Almost never

23. How satisfied are you with each of these aspects of your Coalition? Show how you feel by circling a number to the right of each of the statements.

	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very Dissatisfied</u>
a. The planning process used by the Coalition.....	5	4	3	2	1
b. The prevention curriculum chosen to meet objectives .....	5	4	3	2	1
c. The environmental strategies chosen to meet objectives .....	5	4	3	2	1
d. The progress of implementation of the SPF-SIG thus far ..	5	4	3	2	1
e. The degree of partner involvement with efforts to change community environmental conditions (e.g., social norms, policies, enforcement) that impact alcohol and other drug problems.....	5	4	3	2	1
f. Your personal experience as a Coalition partner.....	5	4	3	2	1

24. Overall, during the past twelve months, would you say that your Coalition has : (Please circle one number)

1. Gotten much stronger
2. Gotten stronger
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gotten weaker
5. Gotten much weaker

Reason(s) why stronger or weaker: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

25. Below is a list of activities that you might engage in as a member of your community Coalition. Show how likely it is you will do each over the next 12 months by circling a number to the right of each statement.

	<u>Very Likely</u>	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Neither Likely Nor Unlikely</u>	<u>Unlikely</u>	<u>Very Unlikely</u>	
a. I will attend Coalition meetings regularly .....	5	4	3	2	1	
b. I will devote time outside of meetings to the Coalition.....	5	4	3	2	1	
c. I will attempt to influence my organization or group to support community environmental changes (e.g., social norms, policies, enforcement) advocated by the Coalition .....	5	4	3	2	1	NA*
d. I will attempt to increase linkages between my organization and other organizations to promote prevention .....	5	4	3	2	1	NA*

26. Below is a list of potential accomplishments of your Coalition. Show how likely you think each is by circling a number to the right of each statement.

	<u>Very Likely</u>	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Neither Likely Nor Unlikely</u>	<u>Unlikely</u>	<u>Very Unlikely</u>	
a. The Coalition will expand and strengthen alcohol and other drug prevention activities in the community. ....	5	4	3	2	1	
b. The Coalition will increase coordinated alcohol and other drug prevention planning among community organizations. ....	5	4	3	2	1	
c. The Coalition will increase its resources for prevention curricula in this community .....	5	4	3	2	1	
d. The Coalition will influence community environmental conditions (e.g., social norms, policies, enforcement) that impact alcohol and other drug problems .....	5	4	3	2	1	
e. The Coalition activities will result in decreased alcohol access to underage youth in the community from retail sources such as liquor stores, bars or clubs.....	5	4	3	2	1	
f. The Coalition activities will result in decreased alcohol access to underage youth in the community from social sources such as friends, older siblings or other adults over 21 .....	5	4	3	2	1	
g. The Coalition activities will result in increased enforcement of underage drinking laws in the community (e.g., more party patrols conducted and citations issued) .....	5	4	3	2	1	
h. The Coalition activities will result in decreased access to illicit drugs in the community .....	5	4	3	2	1	
i. The Coalition activities will result in increased enforcement of illicit drug laws in the community (e.g., more citation and arrests) .....	5	4	3	2	1	

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.**

\*not applicable if you do not represent an organization or group