Thank you for choosing to share your RPE success story about Sustaining Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts! Before you start working on your RPE success story on Sustaining Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts, consider what is meant by sustaining sexual violence prevention efforts and what are some activities that are demonstrations of it.

**Sustaining Efforts** refers to strategies to sustain sexual violence prevention work at the state and/or local community level. The following actions are some EXAMPLES of sustaining sexual violence prevention efforts:

1. **Establish permanent leadership** (i.e., an individual or a coalition) and dedicated staffing for sexual violence prevention efforts in the state and/or local community, accompanied by ongoing plans to develop/maintain leadership and build management capacity in support of sexual violence prevention efforts.
2. **Establish common ground**, among multiple stakeholders, to achieve a high degree of functional alignment of missions, visions, and values supporting sexual violence prevention efforts.
3. **Provide ongoing support**, through infrastructure (i.e., systems and/or organization), for sexual violence prevention efforts that is integrated into administrative structures which are relatively protected from shifting political priorities.
4. **Make assessing, prioritizing, planning, and implementing sexual violence prevention efforts into part of the normal fiscal year planning and budgeting processes** (which may occur at the broad community government level and/or within the organizations of coalition partners) and multiple funding streams for violence prevention at state, local, and federal level are pursued, with continuing development to achieve financial sustainability.
5. **Embed sexual violence prevention into a regulatory, legal, and statutory environment** such that sustainable sexual violence prevention efforts are created by passing and enacting laws and policies, and/or implementing practices and programs that become part of the way public and private institutions within the community do business on a day-to-day basis.
6. **Make a strong commitment**, throughout the system, to plan for, implement and evaluate sexual violence prevention efforts.
7. **Integrate sexual violence prevention**, through relationships, partnerships, and networks, into a broad and diverse array of state and local stakeholders that are well established and promote sexual violence prevention efforts on an ongoing basis to key partners throughout the state and/or local community to maintain the interest, participation, and support of the community.

Now that you have an understanding of what Sustaining Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts can look like you can proceed to work on the Worksheet.

This Worksheet will help you gather and organize information. You’ll complete the application on Veto Violence faster with a completed Worksheet to reference. Use this RPE success story category specific Worksheet instead of the generic Worksheet provided on the Veto Violence Success Story website.

**Summarize Key Attributes**

Let’s start by gathering the most important facts. Consider this a summary of your RPE success story on Sustaining Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts which you’ll reference later. Keep your answers short, no more than a sentence for each question, if you can.

1. What is/are the name(s) of the sexual violence prevention efforts at the state and/or local level on which your sustainability efforts were focused?
2. What are the primary activities or strategies you engaged in to sustain the sexual violence prevention efforts? Did you create a sustainability plan?

3. Who has been responsible for implementing activities or strategies to sustain sexual violence prevention efforts at the state and/or local level? Did you have a team that created and implemented the sustainability plan?

4. When did efforts to sustain sexual violence prevention work at the state and/or local level begin?

5. Where were the activities / strategies to sustain sexual violence prevention efforts implemented? In other words, were activities/strategies implemented within individual organizations, through state/local legislature, etc.?

6. Why did you decide to engage in activities/strategies to sustain sexual violence prevention?

7. How did you decide on what activities / strategies to engage in to sustain sexual violence prevention efforts? (Use just a few sentences to explain how it works.)

Now, we’ll gather specific information you’ll use in the Application. Each of the following sections correlates to a section in the Success Story Application online and your answers here will guide you as you complete each one.

Remember that you’ll have limited space. It will help you greatly if you can keep your responses very short!

**Success Story Title**

1. In the title we tell any reader what the *sustaining sexual violence prevention efforts* story will be about. What is your story about? For example, you might say “sustaining sexual violence prevention efforts at the state level through resource allocation across multiple stakeholders for the implementation of a state sexual violence prevention plan” OR “sustaining healthy sexuality programs through institutionalization of program elements into school health education curricula”
2. What are the most important facts in your success story? What makes it unique? For example, did you use innovative approaches to sustainability OR were you able to garner support for your sustainability plan from unexpected stakeholder groups?

3. Try to combine your answers to #1 and #2 above. Make them one sentence, placing the most important fact as close to the beginning of the sentence as possible.

4. Now, look at your response to #3. Can you shorten the sentence without distorting its meaning? Will a reader still understand it? Please write the new sentence here:

5. Finally, is there a fun way to change your response in #4 so that it will grab a reader’s interest more? Write several options. In the Application you may use one of these as your title.

Summary

1. What is the most exciting fact or element about your approach to sustaining sexual violence prevention efforts that is representative of your success in supporting and/or promoting sexual violence prevention?

2. Take your answer to #1 and add verbiage that defines, “Who, What, Where, When, and How” about you’re the fact/element. Create one sentence that includes all that information—even if it is a very long sentence.

3. Review the long sentence you wrote to answer #2. What information is most important? Create a new sentence with only that information.
4. Now, use the information you eliminated when you created #3, and make several short bullet points that give readers more helpful information. This is a good opportunity to use specific statistics and illustrations, too.

Challenge
1. What is the sexual violence prevention related challenge that your approach to sustainability addresses? For EXAMPLE, “While the current leadership at the state health department is supportive of sexual violence prevention efforts, any turnover in leadership can result in all staffing and resources being reallocated” OR “when the prevention coordinator at the state sexual assault coalition leaves, he/she will be taking all of the prevention capacity with him/her” OR “all the sexual violence prevention efforts in agency X is funded through RPE funds, making their prevention work vulnerable to funding cuts”

2. Describe the negative impact of the challenge.

3. Add specific examples and statistics to your answer to #2.

Solution
1. What do the activities/strategies to sustain sexual violence prevention efforts do to address the challenge? Some EXAMPLES of actions are:
   - Establish permanent leadership (i.e., an individual or a coalition) and dedicated staffing for sexual violence prevention efforts in the state and/or local community, accompanied by ongoing plans to develop/maintain leadership and build management capacity in support of sexual violence prevention efforts.
   - Establish common ground, among multiple stakeholders, to achieve a high degree of functional alignment of missions, visions, and values supporting sexual violence prevention efforts.
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   - Make assessing, prioritizing, planning, and implementing sexual violence prevention efforts into part of the normal fiscal year planning and budgeting processes (which may occur at the broad community government level and/or within the organizations of coalition partners) and multiple funding streams for violence prevention at state, local, and federal level are pursued, with continuing development to achieve financial sustainability.
   - Embed sexual violence prevention into a regulatory, legal, and statutory environment such that sustainable sexual violence prevention efforts are created by passing and enacting laws and policies, and/or implementing practices and programs that become part of the way public and private institutions within the community do business on a day-to-day basis.
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2. What is innovative about how your activities sustain sexual violence prevention efforts address challenge? (This is one of the most important fields in your success story!)

3. How were decisions made about what is important to sustain, and what strategies would be utilized to sustain sexual violence prevention efforts?

Results
1. How have efforts to sustain sexual violence prevention work at the state and/or local level succeeded in its goal?

2. Describe the positive results and try to be specific, using examples and statistics so that readers have tangible examples that help them understand. For EXAMPLE “MOUs have been put in place across the multiple stakeholders to solidify the resource commitments towards the implementation of the state plan for sexual violence prevention”

3. What accomplishments were made through the efforts to sustain sexual violence prevention work?

Strategies Summary
1. List in short sentences, the three most important activities that made your efforts to sustain sexual violence prevention work successful?
Target Audience Demographic Information

1. Describe the demographics of the population being served by the sexual violence prevention efforts you have sustained. Include ages, sex, any factors that help illustrate who is benefitting from the sexual violence prevention efforts you sustained.

Call Out Quote

1. Quotes bring life to stories. Is there a participant, program director, associate or other individual that has specific good things to say about your efforts to sustain sexual violence prevention work?

2. What might this person say?

3. What is their contact information? (You’ll input that information into the Success Story Application.)

Social-Ecological Model Levels

1. You will want to select the Social-Ecological Model Levels that apply to your program or activity. Information about these levels can be found on the VetoViolence website, within the Section labeled “Basics.” They include:
   - Individual
   - Relationship
   - Community
   - Society

Funding Source

1. How did RPE funding help with your activities/strategies to sustain sexual violence prevention efforts?

2. Were there businesses or other organizations that donated or committed goods, services, or money to help with your sustainability efforts?

These completed answers will help you formulate your final responses to the fields required by the Success Story Online Application. We recommend that you print your completed Worksheet now. (You may want to save it to your computer, too.) When you work on your Application, hold this document to one side and refer to it as you enter your information in each field.

Now, on to the Application itself!