RPE CROSS STATE INITIATIVE

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WHAT IS RPE CROSS STATE INITIATIVE?

- Multi-state collaborative to prevent sexual violence
- Implement strategies at community / societal levels
- Shared risk and protective factor approach
- Supported by additional RPE funding from CDC in 2014
WHAT IS RAPE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (RPE)?

- CDC funding
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Base plus formula funding to all states and territories
- State/territorial health depts. receive funds
- Prevent first time perpetration of sexual violence through primary prevention programming and initiatives based on research, risk and protective factors, social ecology

[Map of America showing regions for RPE]
STATES INVOLVED IN CROSS STATE INITIATIVE

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WHY DEVELOP CROSS STATE INITIATIVE?

- RPE is not competitive
- Build RPE directors’ leadership and implementation skills
- Connect RPE work to research
- Implement programing at community / societal level of the Social Ecological Model
- Evaluate community/societal level efforts
- Use shared risk and protective factor approach

SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL MODEL
Meetings

Atlanta, January 2015
Los Angeles, September 2015
Denver, June 2016
Washington D.C., August 2016

Meeting One

- Atlanta January 2015
- 10 researchers/experts in sexual violence prevention or related field
- Homework prior to meeting
- Brainstorming session based on research presentations
CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Two
- Los Angeles September 2015
- Two presenters
  - Shared risk and protective factors
  - Community level youth violence prevention
  - Subcommittee teams

CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Three
- Denver June 2016
- Two Presenters
- Community level strategies
- Action Planning
  - Engage diverse partners
  - Decisions data-driven
  - Developed work groups
MEETING THREE HIGHLIGHTS
DENVER JUNE 2016

- Facilitated Group Discussions:
  - Cross State Collaborative
    - Accomplishments
    - Benefits
    - Lessons learned
    - Challenges
  - Group Action Planning/Developed Next Steps

CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Meeting Four
- Washington DC August 2016, Yesterday!
HOW IS CROSS STATE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS?

· Contract with outside entity to serve as fiscal agent and meeting facilitator
· Focused on building knowledge and skills at state level
· Committed funds to initiative
· Committed time to initiative

HOW IS CROSS STATE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS?

· Move from regional effort to states requesting to participate
· People outside collaborative have assisted
· Created safe place—real connections
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED THROUGH THE CROSS STATE?

- Requires work / maintenance
- May need to develop MOUs with states to build in time / money
- Time is most difficult barrier
- CDC Buy-in is essential
- Shared ideas produce best shared outcomes
- Change in states RPE leadership can affect participation

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED THROUGH THE CROSS STATE?

- Building capacity
- Learning about programs in each of our states
- Building stronger relationships
- Pick low hanging fruit for quick success to keep momentum going
**NEXT STEPS**

- Develop shared language for budget and work plan to support continued work.
- Determine optimal leadership and work group structure.
- Continue to develop partnerships.
- Continue to learn from relevant researchers in the field.

**RESOURCES**

RPE Cross State White Paper
Located on Safe States website: Factsheets/Whitepaper
THANK YOU!