

**Coalition Name:** River Hills Prevention Connection/ Impact Prevention  
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**Ohio's Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS)  
 Strategy Proposal Form – Problem Identification & Referral**

For each selected strategy, all SPF-PFS funded communities **must also submit a plan** for **Problem Identification and Referral** for participants engaged in the strategy. It is expected that the plan for **Problem Identification and Referral** will have **no** associated expenses. While SPF-PFS funded communities may not intentionally select this strategy for implementation, the development of a plan is essential to ensure a warm handoff of participants in need of more services which is outside of the scope of the practice of prevention professionals.

Describe your coalition's Problem Identification & Referral Plan for individuals participating in SPF-PFS strategies.

1. What criteria will constitute the need for Problem Identification and Referral?

As prevention professionals and practitioners, diagnosis and treatment of substance use and abuse is outside the scope of prevention work. It is possible that during our work in the public, substance use and/or abuse by a youth could be identified or called to the attention of an Impact Prevention specialist (professional), by a layperson, friend, neighbor or other youth. At that time, **Student Assistance Program (SAP)**, the name for the program vehicle used to initialize a pre-screen could be implemented by the prevention professional to help facilitate a referral to an appropriate community agency for assessment of the individual. Partnerships including the school counselors, teacher and local treatment and behavioral health agencies: *Mended Reeds, Riverside Recovery Services, Mahajan Therapeutics, the Counseling Center, So. Ohio Behavioral Health, Land of Goshen Treatment Center, Spectrum Outreach Services, Shawnee Family Health Center, NECCO, or Pinnacle*

2. If you are serving anyone under the age of 18, what is your plan for engaging parents/guardians in the Problem Identification and Referral process?

Through the media message campaign, "Talk. They Hear You" parents will receive tips and skills on how to communicate the risks of underage drinking with youth more effectively. The media campaign could also lead to parents identifying a loved one with a problem, if this results Impact Prevention specialists will provide resources.

3. Who are the community partners that your coalition is referring participants to?

A list of treatment agency contacts in our county that are certified through OHMHAS and in good standing are included in our coalition email lists for meeting and event announcements.

For example: *Mended Reeds, Riverside Recovery Services, Mahajan Therapeutics, the Counseling Center, So. Ohio Behavioral Health, Land of Goshen Treatment Center, Spectrum Outreach Services, Shawnee Family Health Center, NECCO, Pinnacle*

4. What evidence does your coalition have that the community partners are aware of this problem identification and referral plan?

This Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) strategy will be reviewed (as others have been) during a monthly coalition meeting, thus attendees would be present during the strategy review of the plan. It will be noted in the meeting notes. A brochure that may be titled: Student Assistance Program will be developed at an appropriate reading level and in English and will be made available to everyone during the coalition meetings as well as on the Impact Prevention agency premises in a visible place for the public. It will be of great interest to the coalition to promote this project and would be circulated through print, email, public places i.e. schools, health department, courthouse, library, social media, health fairs, and websites. Impact Prevention will develop to share with schools, coalition members and community to publicize this strategy's plan.

5. What is the warm hand off procedure (i.e., how will your coalition link the participant to services in a timely and culturally responsive manner)?

An appointment will be scheduled with the student, parent and Impact Staff where a list of treatment providers including contact information will be reviewed and discussed. Impact Prevention will facilitate the 1<sup>st</sup> appointment and follow-up with a release of permission from the parents to the treatment agency on assessment and treatment progress. The family will be made to feel that they are being guided through a process that will give them confidence in both Impact Prevention and the prospective treatment agency.