



## FACT SHEET

### Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG)

#### Overview

The Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) is a federal grant program from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) designed to further the use of the Strategic Prevention Framework at the state and local levels. The three federal focus areas of the SPF SIG are:

- Preventing substance abuse related problems, including childhood and underage drinking
- Building capacity and infrastructure for data-informed planning
- Local implementation of evidence-based practices

The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) was awarded a SPF SIG in September 2010 and collaborates with the State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW) to develop capacity and identify relevant alcohol and other drug (AOD) data sources for statewide and local needs assessment, planning and prevention program implementation.

The Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems, also known as the Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC), provides

advice and guidance to the State's strategic efforts to reduce the incidence and prevalence of inappropriate AOD use. It is a strong multi-agency collaboration and functions as the advisory council for this grant project.

#### California's SPF SIG Project

After data review and a prioritization process, the GPAC voted that the SPF SIG efforts should focus on alcohol as the most prominent drug of choice with the broadest and most harmful societal impacts, and target the 12 to 25 age group—covering both the critical initiation ages and the highest use ages. Therefore, the SPF SIG priority area is underage and excessive alcohol drinking among 12–25 year olds.

The SPF SIG provides opportunities to increase collaboration and effective practices at the State and local levels. The implementation of the SPF SIG will focus on streamlining the SPF planning process which will help communities move quickly to action and outcomes.

The GPAC's SPF SIG workgroup developed a process for identifying communities to invite as partners in the prevention intervention. The primary criteria for such communities included the following:

- There would be a reasonable chance of effective implementation of the components of the community prevention
- The communities would be sufficiently large enough to produce outcome measures along with an infrastructure to support data suitable for evaluation of the intervention, along with an infrastructure to support data collection
- The communities would be reasonably diverse and representative geographically and demographically, and not in some way narrowly chosen only for specific suitability to the SPF SIG project

Initially, a group of 20-30 communities was identified through a data screening process. A self-nomination process was created to allow counties to include their communities in the screening process. Counties in which these 20-30 communities reside were contacted and an interview process gathered information to determine their capacity to function as the grantee. Ultimately, 24 communities were paired and a random selection process determined 12 project communities and 12 control communities. Once the project communities (and county grantees) were determined and approved, grant agreements were put in place. Funding began mid-2012.

The SPF SIG project documents, distills and disseminates the lessons learned and impacts of the community-level activities to DHCS's network of county and provider programs. As part of the project, an active learning community is created and provides grantees opportunities to share their project findings and mentor their peers to expand the influence of the SPF SIG project throughout California.

For more detailed background information regarding the SPF SIG project, visit the Governor's Prevention Advisory Council Workgroup page at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Strategic-Prevention-Framework-State-Incentive-Grant-GPAC-Workgroup.aspx>

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