

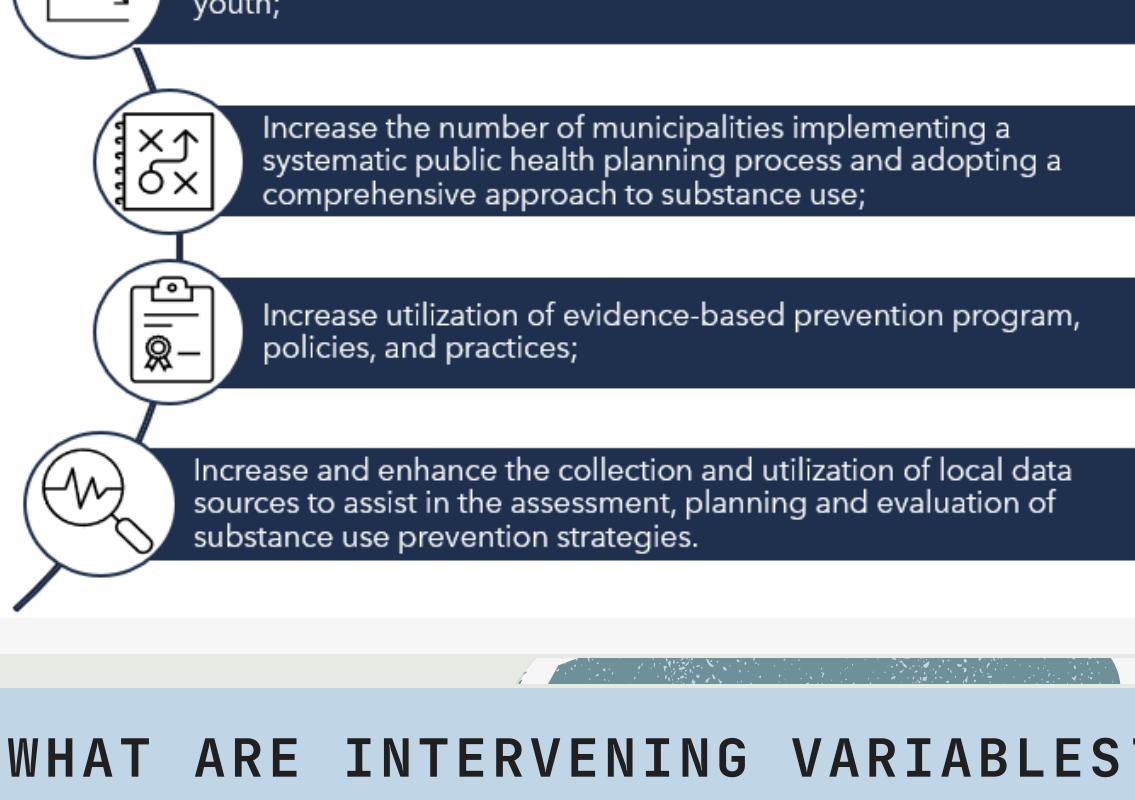
# YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

## COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENING VARIABLES

### SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

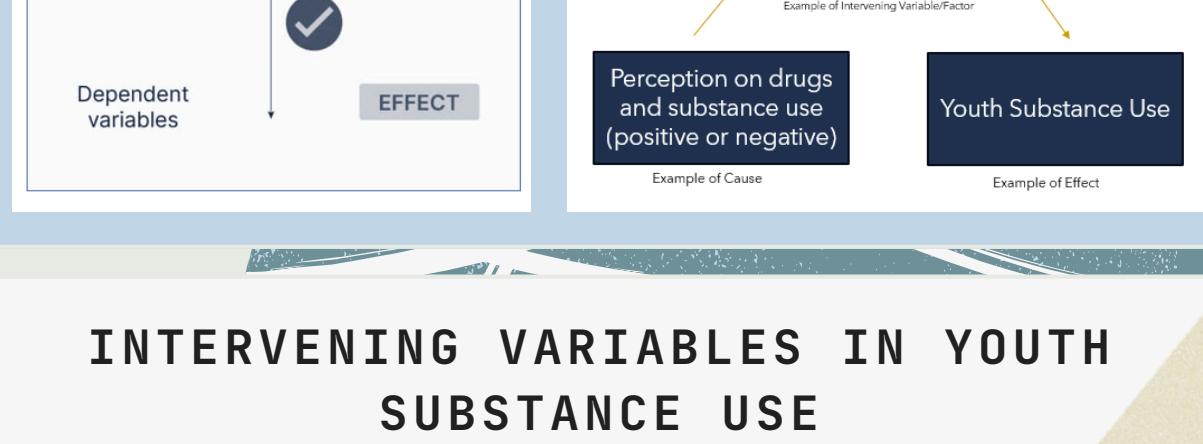
- MASSACHUSETTS COLLABORATIVE FOR ACTION, LEADERSHIP, AND LEARNING 3 (MASSCALL3)
- BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES
  - IN COLLABORATION WITH AMAKA CONSULTING & EVALUATION SERVICES

### GOALS OF THE MASSCALL3B GRANT



### WHAT ARE INTERVENING VARIABLES?

An intervening variable is **a factor that affects the relationship between two other factors**



### INTERVENING VARIABLES IN YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

We investigated possible factors that may be influencing the substance misuse patterns among youth in the City of Boston

#### METHODS

- Focus Groups
- Key Informant Interviews
- Surveys
- YRBS Data
- Census Data

#### ISSUES

- Economic Inequity
- Mental Health
- Family Trauma
- Access to Resources
- Built Environment
- Place Based Inequity

We need to **consider the degree to which prevention programs and practices fit with local needs, capacity, and culture**: the better the fit, the more likely interventions are to be both successful and sustainable.

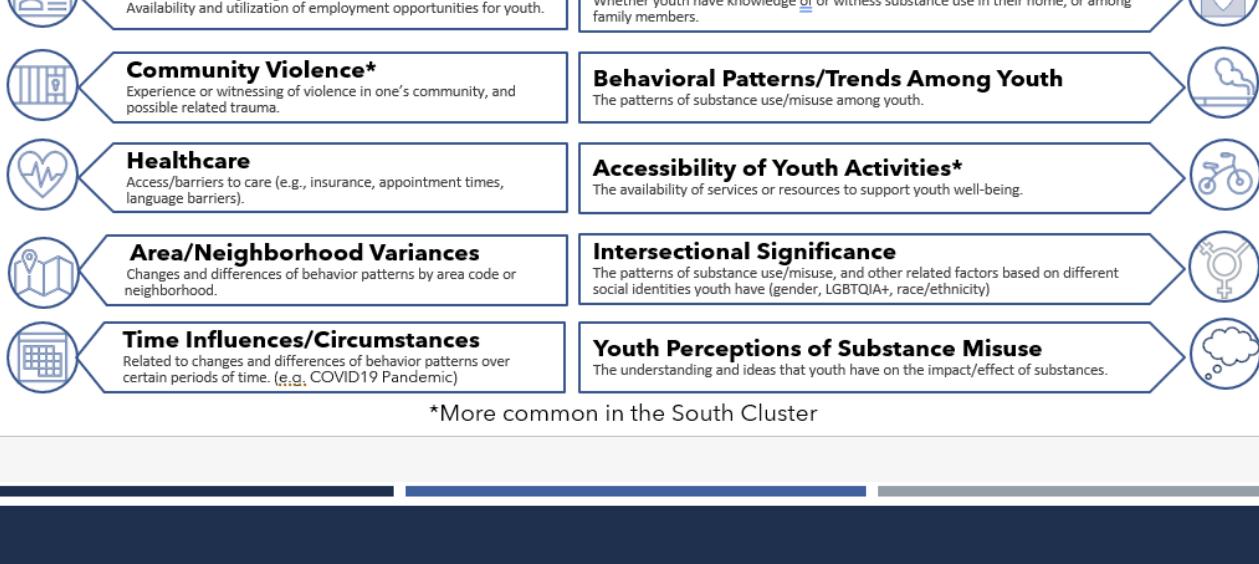
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WHAT DID WE LEARN? WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

## WHAT WE LEARNED

Structural Contexts

Youth Specific Contexts



\*More common in the South Cluster

## COMMUNITY INPUT STRATEGY

WE WANT  
TO HEAR  
FROM  
YOU

- We are asking our partners and community members to **complete a brief survey**.
- Rank the top four intervening variables that **you feel** should be a **priority** as well as **feasible** for BPHC to address in the upcoming Strategic Plan.
- Responses are **cluster specific**.
- Open through December 22, 2023
- Available in English & Spanish with additional languages pending.

### Community Input Survey: Factors Effecting Youth Substance Use in Boston

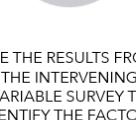


SCAN HERE



## NEXT STEPS

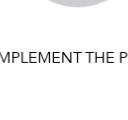
Create tailored approaches, opportunities, and solutions based off the needs of each cluster while simultaneously continuing to build the capacity of our YAB & YPAB in order for them to be active participants in all steps of the process.



USE THE RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY TO IDENTIFY THE INTERVENING FACTORS THAT MATTER MOST TO EACH CLUSTER.



CREATE A LOGIC MODEL ON HOW TO BEST ADDRESS THESE VARIOUS FACTORS IN THE COMMUNITY.



IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.



EVALUATE AND MODIFY, AS NECESSARY.



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