

BOSTON NETWORK OF PREVENTION COALITIONS: PURPOSE AND EXPECTATIONS

SHARED CHARACTERISTICS

Youth engagement
Youth education
Community-informed strategies
Strength-based approach
School-based prevention strategies

Strong leadership
Community partnerships
Adaptable to community needs
Willingness to evolve
Evidence-based practices



SHARED VISION

A healthier Boston that is characterized by the absence of stigma, resilient youth, community-driven processes for creating change and shared responsibility across sectors to address substance misuse.



SHARED GOALS

1. Increase coordination of prevention efforts across neighborhoods, which youth traverse fluidly.
2. Strengthen relationships and sharing of resources among community-based prevention orgs.
3. Refine strategies to prevent youth substance misuse.



PROPOSED ACTION

Host bimonthly meetings that rotate among most sites
Create a shared blueprint for SUD prevention
Streamline evaluation efforts
Create a form for communication
Create an online platform for resource-sharing
Collaborate to organize events, especially events for youth
Organize skills-building opportunities