



WEBINAR:
Injury and
Violence
Prevention

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Healthy Connecticut 2020: *A Call to Action*

Today's Agenda

- Overview of State Health Improvement Plan and planning process
- Details about Injury and Violence Prevention focus area of the Plan:
 - Areas of Concentration
 - Objectives identified for implementation in Phase 1 (first 3 years)
- Immediate next steps





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2 State Health Improvement Plan

Plan Overview



Focus Areas



1. Maternal, Infant, and Child Health



2. Environmental Risk Factors and Health



3. Chronic Disease Prevention and Control



4. Infectious Disease Prevention and Control



5. Injury and Violence Prevention



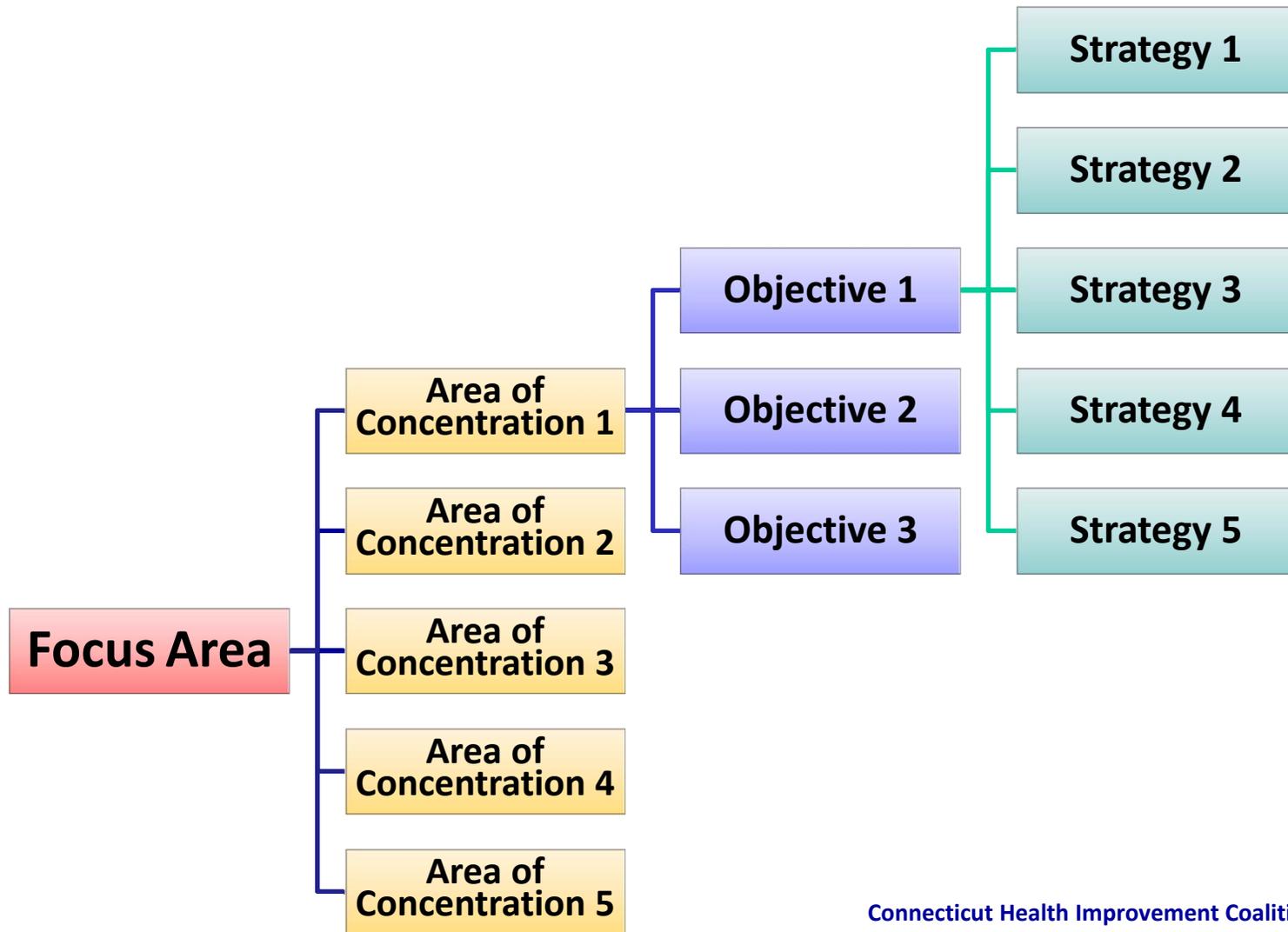
6. Mental Health, Alcohol, and Substance Abuse



7. Health Systems



Plan Layout



Planning Coalition

- Connecticut Health Improvement Planning Coalition
 - 100+ partners led by DPH
 - State and local health agencies
 - Traditional and non-traditional stakeholders
 - Focus Area Work Groups
 - Advisory Council



Principles

- Health improvement approach
- Evidence-based objectives and strategies
- Balance among scope, relevance, and depth of focus
- Align with national frameworks and standards
- Consistent with existing local and State plans and programs



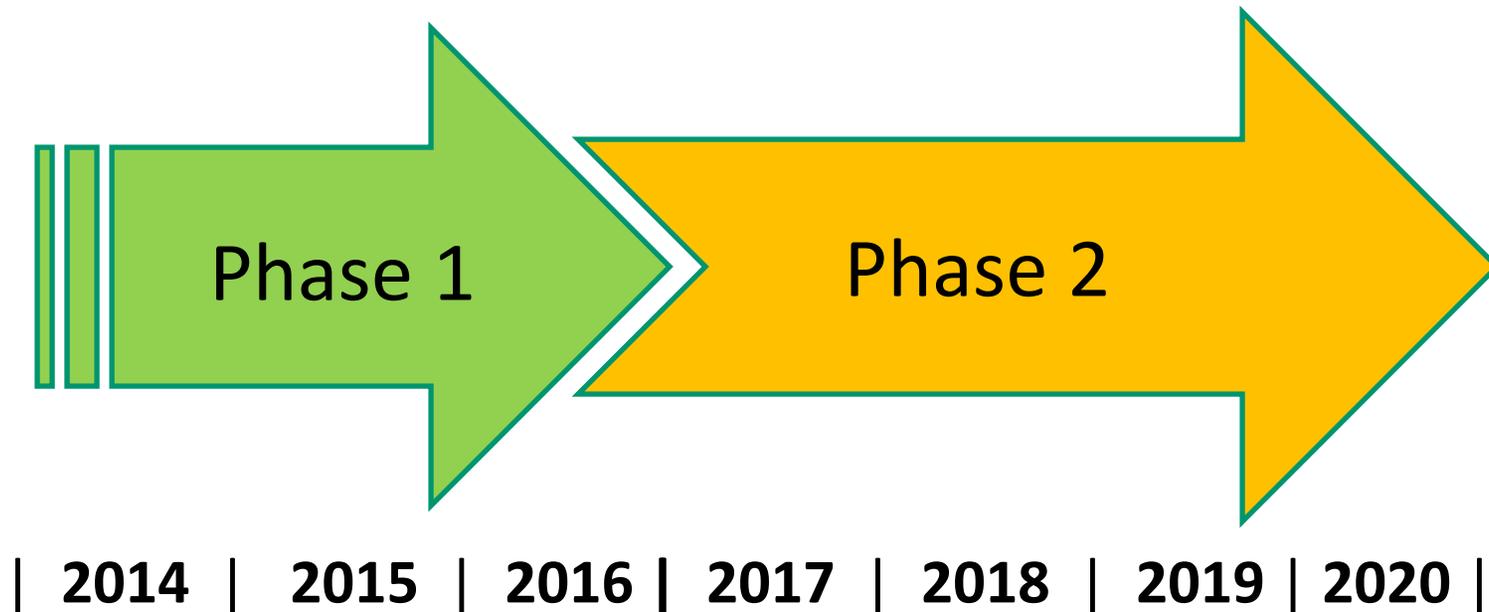
Principles

- Overarching themes:
 - Health equity =
 - Social and economic determinants of health
- Inspirational and actionable:
A Call to Action



Implementation in 2 Phases

Ph1 = Phase 1





Focus Area 5: Injury and Violence Prevention



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Goal

Create an environment in which exposure to injuries is minimized or eliminated



Areas of Concentration (26 Objectives)

- **Unintentional injuries**
 - **Poisoning** (3 objectives)
 - **Falls** (2 objectives)
 - **Motor vehicle crashes** (6 objectives)
- **Intentional injuries**
 - **Suicide** (4 objectives)
 - **Homicide and community violence** (4 objectives)
 - Family violence
 - Sexual violence
 - **Child maltreatment** (2 objectives)
- **Either intent**
 - **Traumatic brain injury** (2 objectives)
 - **Sports injuries** (1 objectives)
 - **Occupational injuries** (2 objectives)

* Phase 1 objectives



Unintentional Injuries

Accidental Poisoning

Phase 1 Objective:

Reduce the number of deaths caused by unintentional poisonings

■ By the Numbers

- 1,730 deaths (2007-2011)
 - 82% 20-54 years of age (2011)
 - 71% male (2011)
- 32,810 ED visits (FFY 2008-2012)

■ Implementation Strategies

- Poisoning prevention education
- Improved surveillance and reporting of all poisonings
- Training death scene investigators on how to identify deaths from prescription opioids



Unintentional Injuries

Falls

Phase 1 Objective:

Decrease the number of fall deaths among persons of all ages

■ By the Numbers

- 1,652 deaths (2007-2011)
 - 88% 65+ years of age (2011)
- 510,538 ED visits (FFY 2008-2012)



■ Implementation Strategies

- Risk reduction interventions for non-institutionalized older adults
- Partnerships for training & policies for safety equipment and for safe playgrounds
- Childcare and healthcare provider education about fall prevention
- Improve surveillance for causes and locations of falls by age



Unintentional Injuries

Motor Vehicle Crashes

Phase 1 Objectives (4):

Decrease motor vehicle and motorcycle crash fatalities and increase use of seatbelts and child safety restraints

■ By the Numbers

- 1,401 deaths (2007-2011)
 - 230 deaths (2011)
 - 73% males (2011)
- 217,254 ED visits (FFY 2008-2012)



■ Implementation Strategies

- Strengthen laws regarding alcohol-impaired and distracted driving
- Expand education on graduated driving licensing laws
- Increase seatbelt and child safety seat use
- Reinstate helmet laws for motorcyclists



Intentional Injuries

Suicide

Phase 1 Objectives (2):

Decrease suicide death rates for people 15 to 64 years of age; and reduce suicide attempts by students in grades 9-12

■ By the Numbers

- 1,574 deaths (2007-2011)
 - 366 deaths (2011)
 - 79% males (2011)
 - About 1 in 5 are veterans
- 7% of high school students attempted; 15% seriously considered suicide (2011)



■ Implementation Strategies

- Reduce access to lethal means for those at risk
- Train providers on prevention and related behaviors
- Develop prevention programs for teens, LGBT youths and veterans



Intentional Injuries

Firearm Homicides

Phase 1 Objective:

Reduce the number of firearm homicides

■ By the Numbers

- 423 firearm homicide deaths (2007-2011)
 - 68% of all homicides
 - 87% males (2007-2011)
- Compared to white non-Hispanic:
 - Black non-Hispanic rate 22x higher
 - Hispanic rate 7x higher (2006-2010)



■ Implementation Strategies

- Advocate for educational incentives to stay in school and employment opportunities for all skill sets.
- Promote safe storage, and remove unwanted firearms from community
- Advocate for gun offender registry and penalties for crimes with firearms
- Promote anti-gang or violent group initiatives



Intentional Injuries

Sexual Violence

Phase 1 Objective:

Reduce the incidence of sexual violence

■ By the Numbers

- 923 reported rapes (2012)
- 4,937 sexual assaults (FY 2013)
 - 85% female
 - Ages <10 to >65 years
- 7% of high school students forced to have sex (2005-2011)



■ Implementation Strategies

- Advocate for sexual assault educator training
- Disseminate best practices and effective primary prevention strategies
- Identify and highlight youth programs to prevent intimate partner violence



Intentional Injuries

Child Maltreatment

Phase 1 Objective:

Decrease the number of child maltreatment cases

■ By the Numbers

- 8,151 reported cases (FY 2012)
- 6 deaths (FY 2012)
- Rate for <1 yr of age 2.7x “all victims” rate
- Compared to rate for white non-Hispanics:
 - Black non-Hispanic 3x higher
 - Hispanic 2.3x higher



■ Implementation Strategies

- Advocate for increased screening, surveillance, & mandatory reporting
- Disseminate culturally & linguistically appropriate info about positive parenting techniques and DCF Careline; establish hotline for educators
- Train mandated reporters on signs and symptoms



What Next?

- **Methods of implementation:**

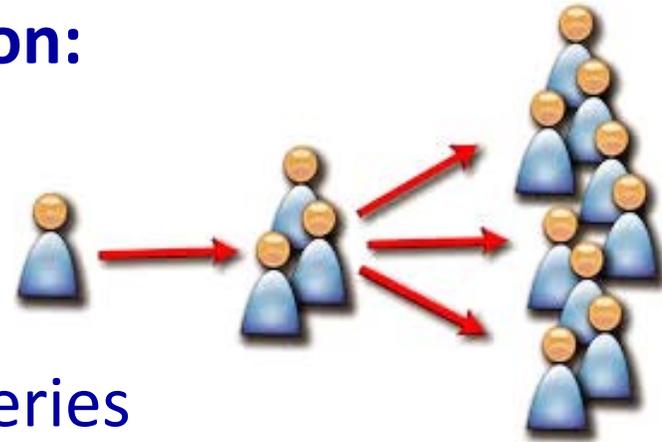
- Publicize the Plan

- Speakers Bureau

- Focus Area webinar series

- Implementation Advisory Council

- Coordinated communication system



What Next?

- **What you or your organization can do:**
 - Join or help grow the Coalition
 - Bring Speakers Bureau to your group
 - Identify goals & objectives for you & your organization, and *consider taking the lead*
 - Develop partnerships in your communities
 - Identify policies needed to improve health



Poll

- Are there objectives in this Focus Area that your organization will work on or is already working on?
- Are there objectives in this Focus Area on which your organization might consider taking the lead?



Thank You!



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