

## Blueprint Implementation Team: Role & Activities

### Role

A Blueprint Implementation Team is a group that forms once a Blueprint policy has been adopted to ensure the intended goals and operations of a community's collective Blueprint policy:

- Is the process working?
- What are victims' experiences?
- Is it making a difference?

Blueprint for Safety collective policy: *shared purpose and goals among criminal legal system agencies that reflect the Blueprint foundational principles, with agency-specific policies and protocols for processing domestic assault cases*

### Members

The implementation team includes “Blueprint administrators” from each criminal legal system agency, other practitioners, community-based advocates providing services to victims of battering, and representatives from organizations working on behalf of marginalized communities. It convenes ad hoc work groups as needed and invites others to participate.

The Blueprint administrators designated by each agency have a key role in managing the Blueprint, both within their respective agencies and as members of the Implementation Team. Blueprint administrators:

- Coordinate implementation and maintenance of the agency's Blueprint policy and protocols.
- Coordinate the agency-specific training.
- Serve on the Implementation Team.
- Promote the Blueprint with the agency.
- Coordinate gathering agency statistics.
- Serve as liaison with other agencies to solve problems.

### Activities

1. Monitor the implementation of the adopted Blueprint policy.
  - a. Determine if the Blueprint is “institutionalized.”
    - *Are policies and protocols integrated into each agency's protocol system?*
    - *Are agency personnel adequately trained?*
    - *Have any necessary new administrative practices been established?*
    - *Is supervision of Blueprint practices established?*
  - b. Determine the extent to which new policies and practices are being followed by agency practitioners (not evaluate individual employees).
    - *Are practitioners doing what the Blueprint directs them to do?*
    - *Are agencies working together on shared tasks?*
  - c. Determine if key features of the Blueprint are working.
    - *Are practitioners gathering, documenting, disseminating and building on new information about risk, history, context, severity of violence over time?*
    - *Are responses adjusted for cases involving victims of ongoing violence who use?*

- *Is **agency-specific** monitoring and accountability occurring?*
  - *Are **interagency** information sharing, cooperation and accountability occurring?*
  - *Do victims get this message? "I'm concerned for your safety; by working together we have the best chance of stopping the violence."*
  - *Do perpetrators get this message?" This is an opportunity for you to change: to stop the violence and repair the harm you've caused; we can help you do that."*
2. Pay attention to battered women's experiences, as reported by advocacy programs.
    - *Are people engaging with victims respectfully?*
    - *Does the response minimize the victim's need to confront the perpetrator?*
  3. Reduce unintended harmful consequences and disparity of impact.
    - *What have we put in place to discover any unintended harmful consequences and disparity of impact of Blueprint policy and practice?*
    - *How could we adjust our interventions in ways that diminish unintended consequences for marginalized populations?*
  4. Measure and report results of Blueprint interagency practices.
    - *What are the results of our collective efforts?*
    - *Are we stopping future abuse by offenders?*
    - *Do we have increased controls over the most violent offenders?*
  5. Adapt Blueprint policies/protocols as needed.
    - a. Identify problems not foreseen when the Blueprint was adopted.
    - b. Propose (and experiment with) solutions.
  6. Collect and review data; update the community on the impact of the Blueprint collective policy.
    - *How much domestic violence is occurring in our jurisdiction?*
    - *How many women call for help?*
    - *How many batterers get arrested, charged, convicted, imprisoned, attend batterers program?*
    - *Are we reducing domestic violence?*
    - *Are women in our communities safe from domestic violence?*
    - *What's happening with women in our community when they get assaulted in these ways?*

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