

BLUEPRINT ADAPTATION TEAM: ROLE & ACTIVITIES

ROLE

A Blueprint Adaptation Team is a group that forms once a decision has been made to establish a Blueprint for Safety. The adaptation team develops the Blueprint for Safety collective policy.

The adaptation team asks:

- What is the current scope and scale of domestic violence in our community?
- How do current policy and practice line up with the Blueprint's essential elements?
- What are victims' experiences with current practice?
- Where are problems located and how will the Blueprint help address them?
- How will each agency's policy and practice change?

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 adaptation team includes the Blueprint coordinator, advocate, and one or more representatives from each criminal legal system agency, plus community-based advocates and representatives for organizations working on behalf of marginalized communities. It convenes ad hoc work groups and invites others to participate as needed.

In some communities, members of the adaptation team may shift to the role of implementation team once the Blueprint has been established. In others, the implementation team will involve many new representatives from the criminal legal system agencies. See *Blueprint Implementation Team: Role and Activities*.

ACTIVITIES

These are the activities of the adaptation team as a group. Individual members will not necessarily complete all activities. The Blueprint coordinator provides overall management and organization.

1. Conduct an assessment of current policy and practice in response to domestic violence-related crimes.

- a. Compare current policy with Blueprint essential elements.
 - b. Collect baseline statistical data for domestic violence-related crimes.
 - c. Use information from the Blueprint advocate, multiple focus groups, and a survivors' advisory group to learn about victims/survivors' experiences with the criminal legal system.
 - d. Map each point of criminal case processing (911 through to probation monitoring), with specific attention to how risk and danger and advocacy are addressed.
 - e. Analyze case records to compare current practice with recommended practice.
 - f. Interview agency directors, supervisors, and practitioners about current practice.
 - g. Observe criminal case processing.
 - h. Review, interpret, and analyze assessment data throughout the process.
 - i. Document all discussions and recommendations.
2. Adapt agency policies to produce a collective Blueprint policy.
 - a. Determine differences between current policy and Blueprint essential elements.
 - b. Identify what will need to change in order to adapt the Blueprint to each agency.
 - c. Present proposed Blueprint policy changes to each agency head.
 - d. Identify any areas of disagreement and barriers to adaptation.
 - e. Propose solutions and options to address barriers and areas of disagreement.
3. Contribute to activities related to the launch and release of the Blueprint collective policy.
 - a. Accompany Blueprint coordinator to brief criminal legal system agency heads, interagency/CCR group, and other relevant community agencies and organizations on the Blueprint collective policy and agency-specific changes.
 - b. Attend and participate in Blueprint launch events as needed.
 - c. Participate in Blueprint implementation training to agency-specific, interagency, and community audiences.

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