

RPE CROSS STATE INITIATIVE

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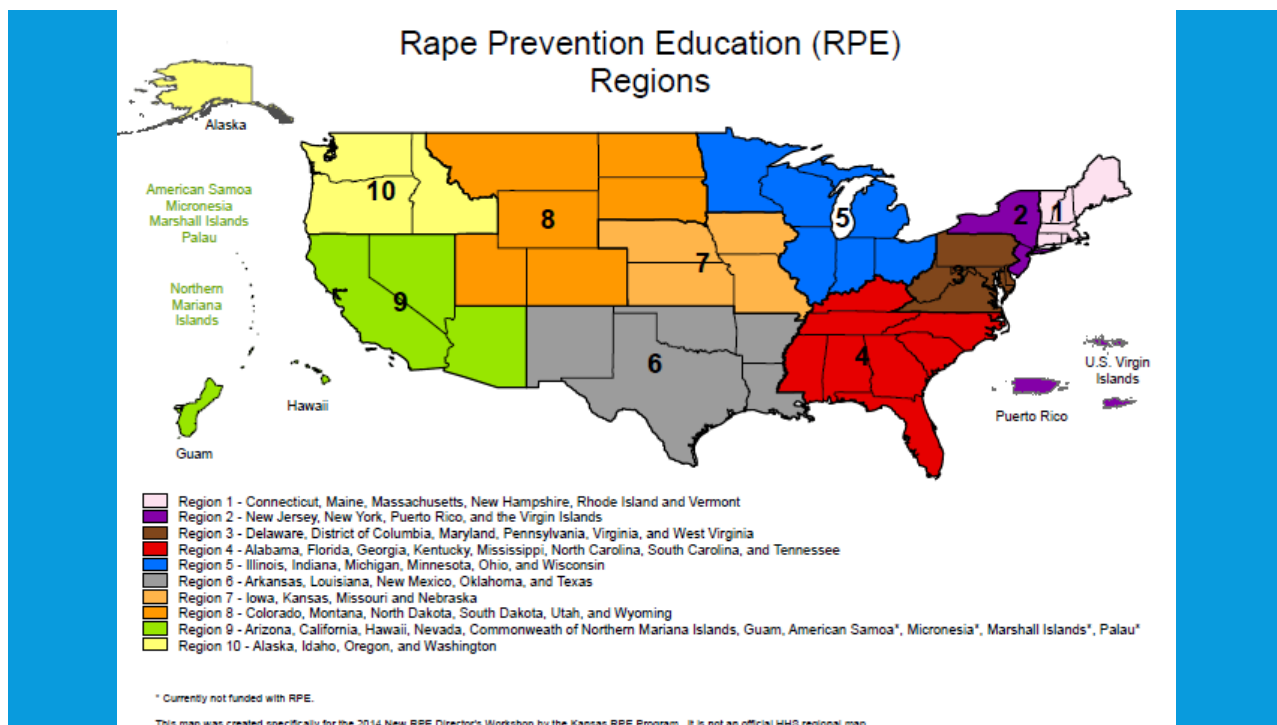
WHAT IS RPE CROSS STATE INITIATIVE?

- Multi-state collaborative to prevent sexual violence
- Implement strategies at community / societal levels
- Shared risk and protective factor approach
- Supported by additional RPE funding from CDC in 2014



WHAT IS RAPE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (RPE)?

- CDC funding
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Base plus formula funding to all states and territories
- State/territorial health depts. receive funds
- Prevent first time perpetration of sexual violence through primary prevention programming and initiatives based on research, risk and protective factors, social ecology



STATES INVOLVED IN CROSS STATE INITIATIVE

A word cloud on a black background with blue borders on the left and right. The words are state names in various colors and sizes: Iowa (red), Montana (green), Colorado (red), Michigan (green), South Dakota (green), Wyoming (orange), Kansas (red), Utah (blue), and North Carolina (blue).

CROSS STATE TEAM MEMBERS

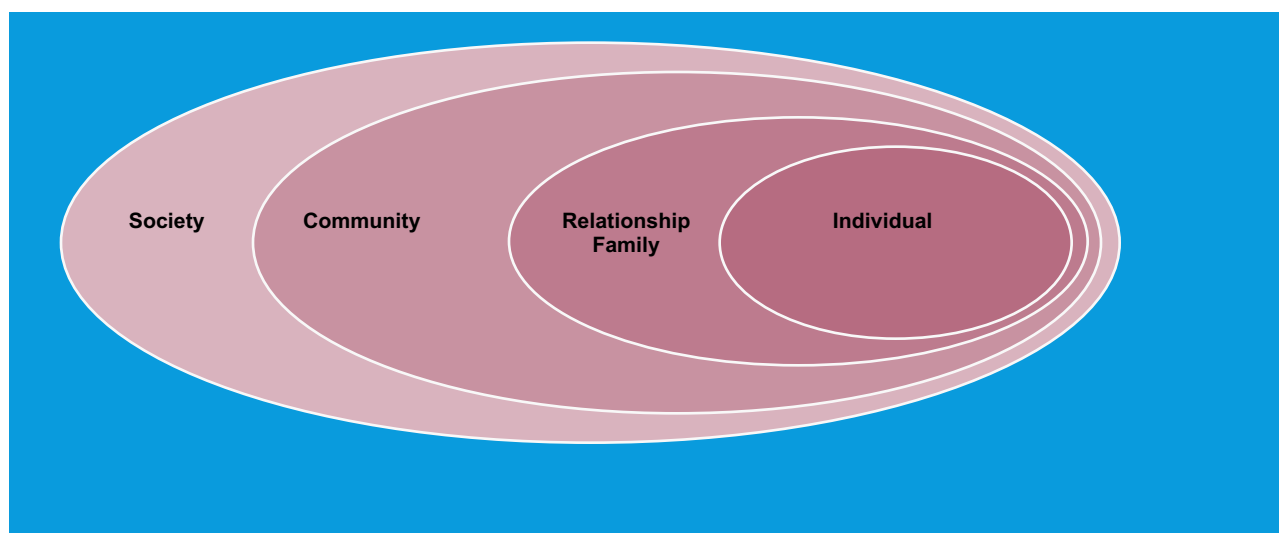
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WHY DEVELOP CROSS STATE INITIATIVE?

- RPE is not competitive
- Build RPE directors' leadership and implementation skills
- Connect RPE work to research
- Implement programming at community / societal level of the Social Ecological Model
- Evaluate community/societal level efforts
- Use shared risk and protective factor approach



SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL MODEL



CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meetings

Atlanta, January 2015

Los Angeles, September 2015

Denver, June 2016

Washington D.C., August 2016

CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting One

- Atlanta January 2015
- 10 researchers/experts in sexual violence prevention or related field
- Homework prior to meeting
- Brainstorming session based on research presentations



CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Two

- Los Angeles September 2015
- Two presenters
 - Shared risk and protective factors
 - Community level youth violence prevention
 - Subcommittee teams



CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Three

- Denver June 2016
- Two Presenters
- Community level strategies
- Action Planning
 - Engage diverse partners
 - Decisions data-driven
 - Developed work groups

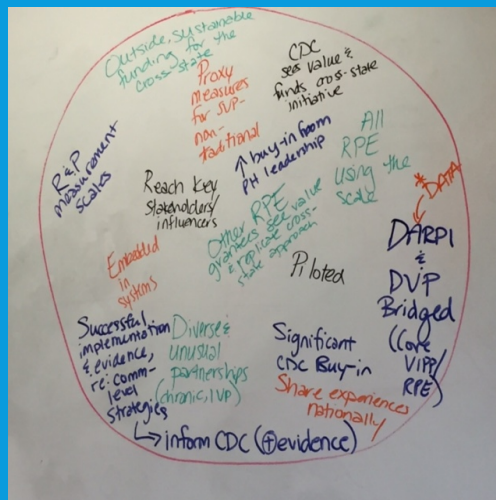


MEETING THREE HIGHLIGHTS DENVER JUNE 2016

Facilitated Group Discussions:

Cross State Collaborative

- Accomplishments
 - Benefits
 - Lessons learned
 - Challenges
- Group Action Planning/Developed Next Steps



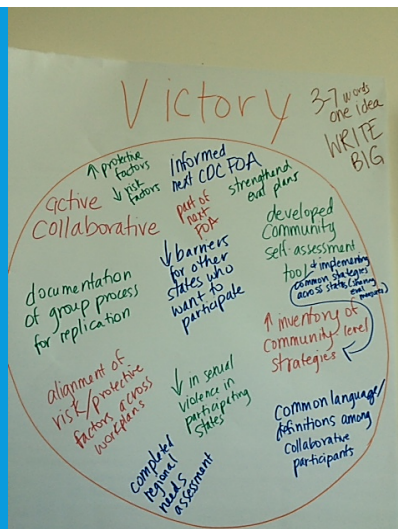
CROSS STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Meeting Four
- Washington DC August 2016, Yesterday!



HOW IS CROSS STATE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS?

- Contract with outside entity to serve as fiscal agent and meeting facilitator
- Focused on building knowledge and skills at state level
- Committed funds to initiative
- Committed time to initiative



HOW IS CROSS STATE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS?

- Move from regional effort to states requesting to participate
- People outside collaborative have assisted
- Created safe place—real connections



WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED THROUGH THE CROSS STATE?

- Requires work / maintenance
- May need to develop MOUs with states to build in time / money
- Time is most difficult barrier
- CDC Buy-in is essential
- Shared ideas produce best shared outcomes
- Change in states RPE leadership can affect participation

Strengths

- lots of voices + budgets
- long term commitment
- readiness
- not required - we are driving
- experience + fresh perspectives
- expertise - states, national orgs, local agencies, academic partners, etc.
- high holistic perspectives
- partnership w/ CDC

Weaknesses

- Not on same page - language
- competing priorities
- hard to build into current 5yr funding
- different bureaucracy challenges (travel)
- political realities
- in addition to CDC wait, not part
- lack of clear, defined goals, obj's, mcs

Opportunities

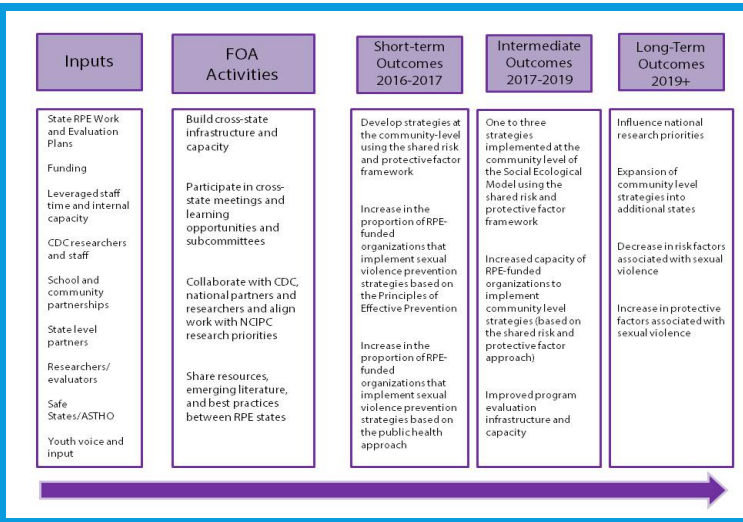
- address unique challenges/support others in similar contexts
- having same project deliver w/ CDC
- develop/use united voice
- take risk, move needle fwd
- limited evidence base
- positive visibility for RPE
- New CDC TA - elevate issue, connect w/ other areas (chronic disease)

Challenges

- higher expectations from funders
- more work
- pushback from other entities
- push tension to a head
- discussions about may ID who (else) should be doing work
- where to put resources
- other states/organs may NOT want to collaborate

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED THROUGH THE CROSS STATE?

- Building capacity
- Learning about programs in each of our states
- Building stronger relationships
- Pick low hanging fruit for quick success to keep momentum going



NEXT STEPS

- Develop shared language for budget and work plan to support continued work.
- Determine optimal leadership and work group structure.
- Continue to develop partnerships.
- Continue to learn from relevant researchers in the field.

RESOURCES

RPE Cross State White Paper
Located on Safe States website:
Factsheets/Whitepaper
Link: <http://bit.ly/crossstate>

THANK YOU!

