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|  | **Faith Sector Checklist** |
|  | **Faith Sector Activities to Advance Prevention Efforts** |
| **Build Capacity** | * Identify members of the congregation to develop and implement substance and prevention programs. * Connect and collaborate with local prevention councils or coalitions in planning programs. * Engage in a prevention assessment by leadership and congregation members. Use results to identify areas for improvement. |
| **Participating in Environmental Strategies** | * Adopt policies or position statement on substance misuse/abuse for the congregation. * Sponsor and participate in community prevention events. * Donate time or services to support the development and implementation of local strategic plans. * Establish clear prevention policies. * Establish procedures for when a member of the congregation or clergy seeks out assistance for a personal or family substance related issue. * Provide activities for adults and youth that are substance free, particularly in the summer months and during holidays. |
| **Supporting Coalition Prevention Efforts** | * Encourage congregation members to serve on boards or be members of community-based prevention organizations. * Participate in collaboration efforts on substance misuse. * Provide space for prevention events or meetings. |
| **Network Collaboration** | * Inform Faith networks of your collaboration with local coalitions and encourage their membership and sharing of messages and events. * Provide local resources for treatment and recovery. * The congregation offers a support structure for a member returning from therapy or treatment. |
| **Promoting Community Education** | * Sponsor a community prevention day by hosting speakers and community guests. * Establish prevention supportive zones in your congregation to build awareness about these issues. * Support community social norms campaigns. * Integrate prevention messages and information into your sermons, communion education programs, and youth groups. |
| **Strengthening Individual Knowledge and Skills** | * Provide training or education to congregation members of different ages on substance misuse/abuse. * Provide prevention and diversity trainings to clergy. * Clergy participate in continuing education and training in substance abuse prevention and recovery programs. * Narcan, QPR, Mental Health First Aid and other trainings for Faith programs |