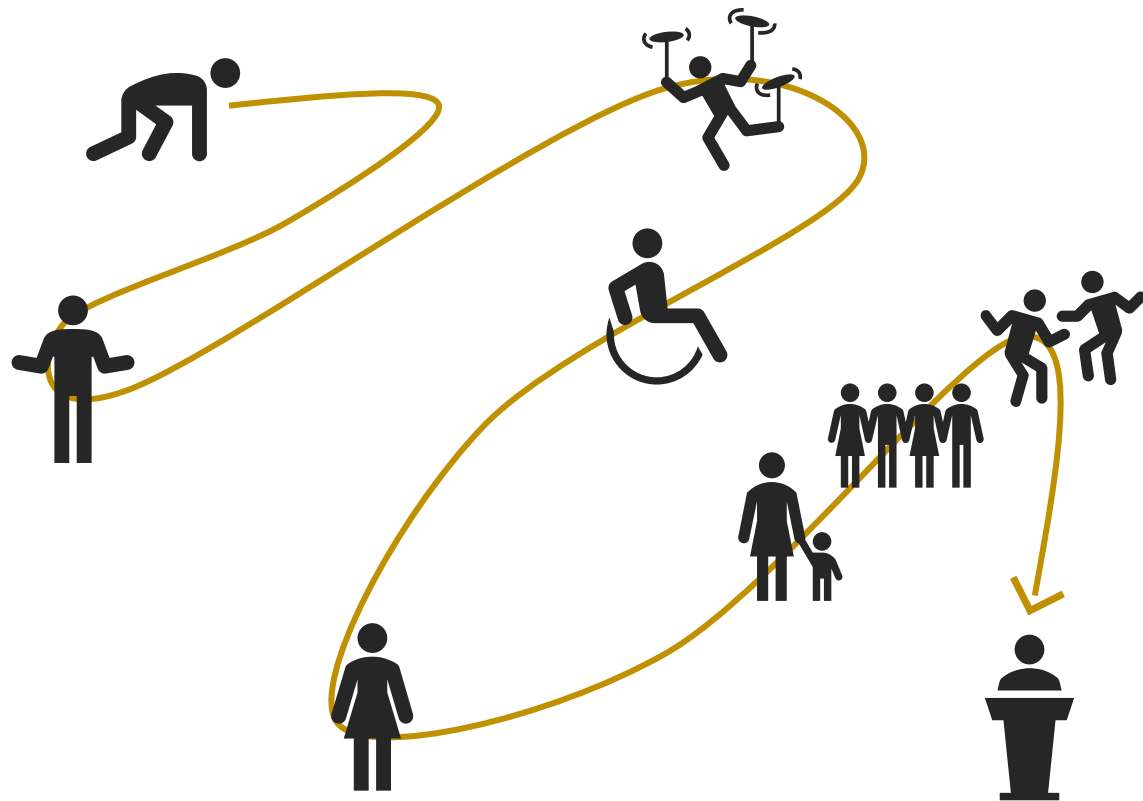


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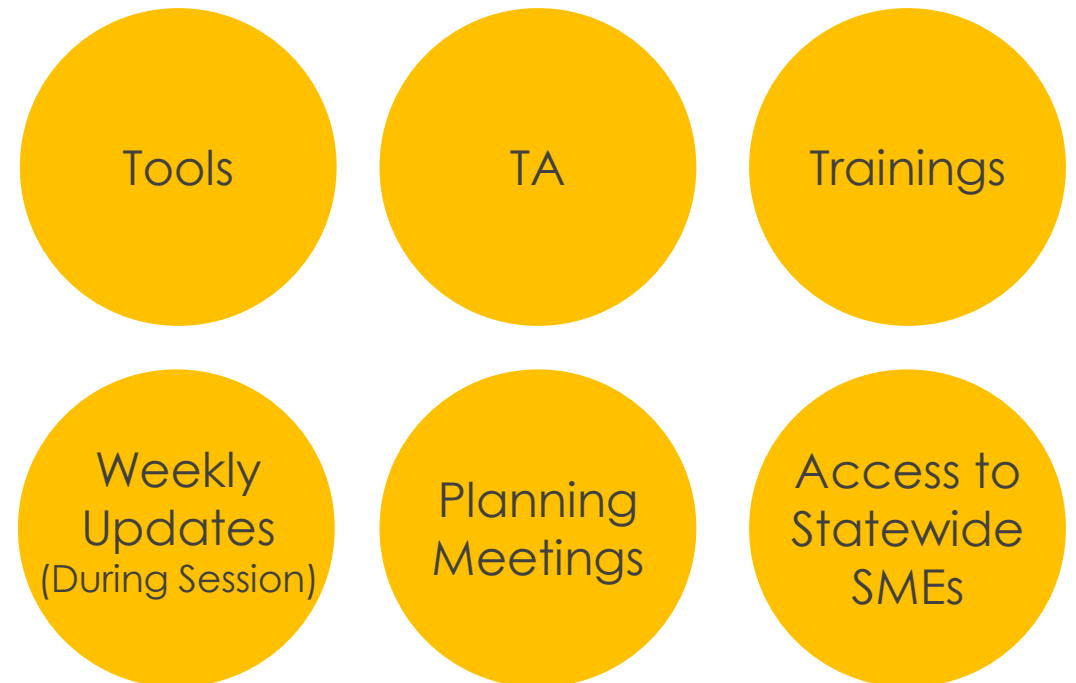
PREVENTION VOICES WA

I've heard so much about Prevention Voices WA. What is it?

Action Network



Skill Building Group



About

Mission

To foster statewide collaborations that assure prevention professionals are active, consistent, and credible voices in policy discussions at all levels.

Everyone Has a Role in Policymaker Engagement



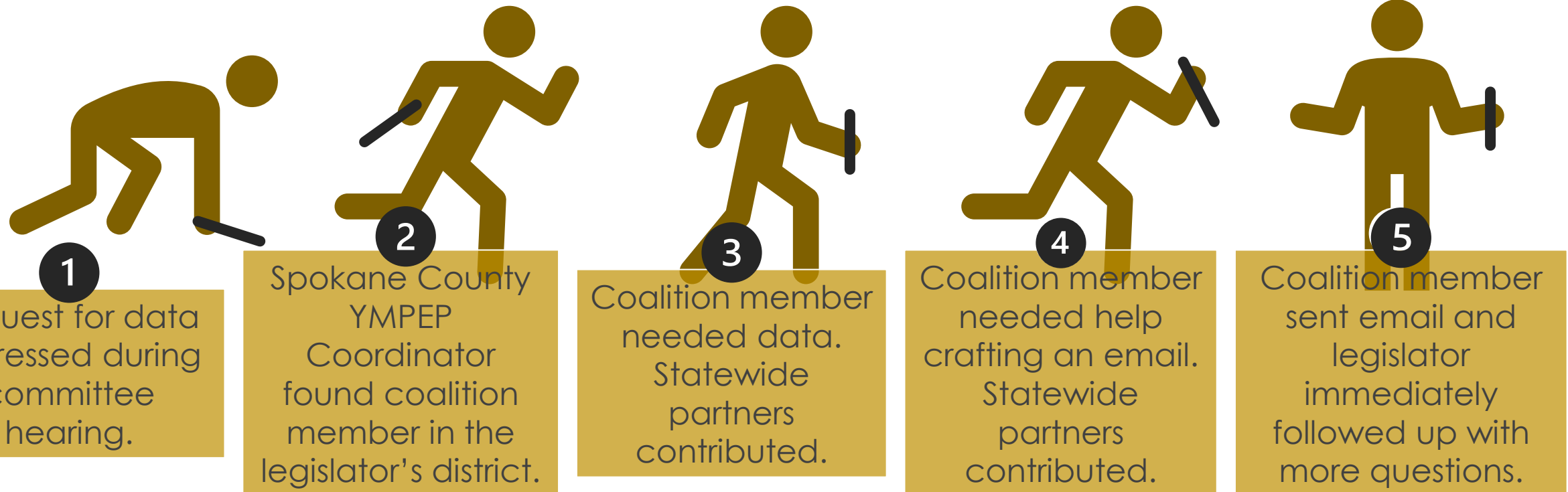
Most substance use prevention grants in Washington encourage decision-maker education and allow participation in this group.

Local Relay Teams

We conduct Policymaker Engagement Activities together:

- Within allowable activities under each grant
- Within organizational limitations

Goal: To create Local Relay Teams in every Legislative District.



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TOOLS FOR POLICYMAKER ENGAGEMENT

Policymaker Engagement Guide created for you by:



healthy generations

CREATING ENDURING HEALTH EQUITY

Use to create and deliver an
effective message to legislators.

Find here:

<https://healthygen.org/resources/>



Policymaker Engagement Guide

Communicating with your Legislator

It's not enough to vote! Read below to learn how to communicate with your legislator, including step-by-step guides to writing your pitch, avoiding pitfalls, and crafting your message.

Policy affects everyone!

Whether or not you're "into politics," policy can still have a huge effect on your life. However, if you don't tell lawmakers what is happening in your life, they won't know how they're impacting you and your community.

Legislative 101: Webinar series

1. WA Legislature 101
2. Navigating the Legislative Website
3. Reading a Bill
4. Crafting a Message to Policymakers

How to Use:

All 10-15 minutes.

Send to your partners.

Watch them together.

Rewatch.

Send questions to

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Organizational Boundaries

Needed Action:
Testify at a
Public Hearing

Send written
testimony to
Legislator or
Committee

Help write
testimony

Find community
members for
testimony

Find expert
panel for
testimony

Contribute data to be
included.

Action	Who can do this activity?		
	You?	Others in your organization?	Community Partner Contact
LEGISLATORS			
Meet with legislator and/or their staff to:			
Introduce self and share data, work, best practices, SUD concerns (no talk about bills)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Share general concerns or information about possible legislation (impacts of outlet density for example) but no position on bill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

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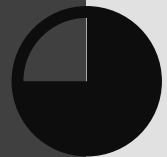
How can you get involved?



Join the Prevention Voices WA mailing list.



Talk to your coalition/network about getting involved.
Do this before January.



Use your “Key Leader Event” to connect with your legislators.
Invite community members. Invite youth.



Build your local relay team. Know your funding and organizational limitations. Know who is next in the chain when you have a hard stop.

Get involved:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7RY2NV5>

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