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Best Practice Use of the MIS for Data Tracking and Decision Making

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Overview of the Session

• To review purpose of MIS spreadsheets
• To identify best practices for using MIS
• To sustain MIS for data driven decision making
Silent Poll

• Do you regularly enter data from local sources (e.g., every 1 - 3 months)?

• Do you regularly review data trends (every 1 – 3 months)?

• What are barriers to regular review of MIS/local data?
Purpose of MIS Spreadsheets

• To regularly review local data

• To supplement data provided by state (even the same data but more frequently)

• To form local partnerships with agencies

• To possess and use data for local planning

• To meet local needs and make timely decisions!!!
Best Practices

• Develop your logic model.

• Identify data elements related to each part of the logic model.

• Identify data sources and frequency of data—MIS should consist of data that you can obtain at frequent intervals (e.g., monthly).

• Focus on data that are most important for tracking progress towards meeting your goals—MIS must be manageable (less is more). [Melody]

• Identify local sources of data—MIS should consist of data that you can obtain close to real events (not after they have been cleaned by the state).

• Make connections to obtain data (e.g., local law enforcement, AET Coordinator, hospitals, coroners)...enhance coalition partnerships). [Wehme]

• Present data regularly (e.g., once per month) and keep partners engaged.

• Review your data needs at least annually.
Underage Drinking Logic Model

Consequences

- Negative events associated with underage drinking

Consumption

- Underage Drinking

Intervening Variables

- Perception of Risk
  - School-based Curricula
  - Media Campaigns
  - Compliance Checks
    - Shoulder Taps
    - Party Patrols
- Attitudes
- Retail Access
- Social Access

Strategies
Sustainability

• Low cost/relatively low tech. (Financial resources are really not an issue.)

• If it is useful it will be sustained. [Michael]
Questions? TA Sessions?