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Improving the Health, Education,  
Safety and Well-being of Children and  
Youth

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Promoting coordinated planning, implementation and evaluation of quality prevention and early intervention and treatment services for children, youth and families in Colorado

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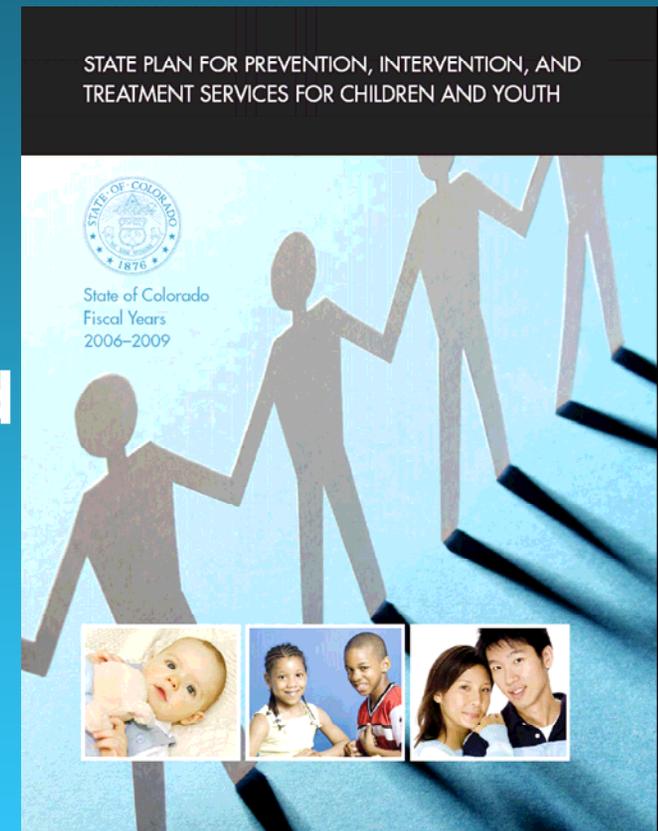
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**\* Required by law to participate**

# State Plan for Prevention Intervention and Treatment Services for Children and Youth, 2006-2009

Reviewed and revised every two years—

- With input from state and local stakeholders
- Signed by the Governor of Colorado



<https://www.colorado.gov/plc/PLCStatePlan.pdf>

# The Need for Coordination and Collaboration

A wide variety of prevention, intervention and treatment programs exist across multiple state departments.

Children and youth programs have similar processes that can be coordinated.

Reduce/eliminate duplication and fragmentation.

*“No one system can resolve the issues facing youth, families and communities.*

*We don't need to invent new services within the juvenile justice system;*

*we just have to agree on the basic community collaborative plan, fund better, coordinate better and use better the services that already are working, and fill in the gaps already identified.”*

*(A Framework for System Improvement on Behalf of Youth With Mental Illness and Co-occurring Disorders in the Juvenile Justice System)*

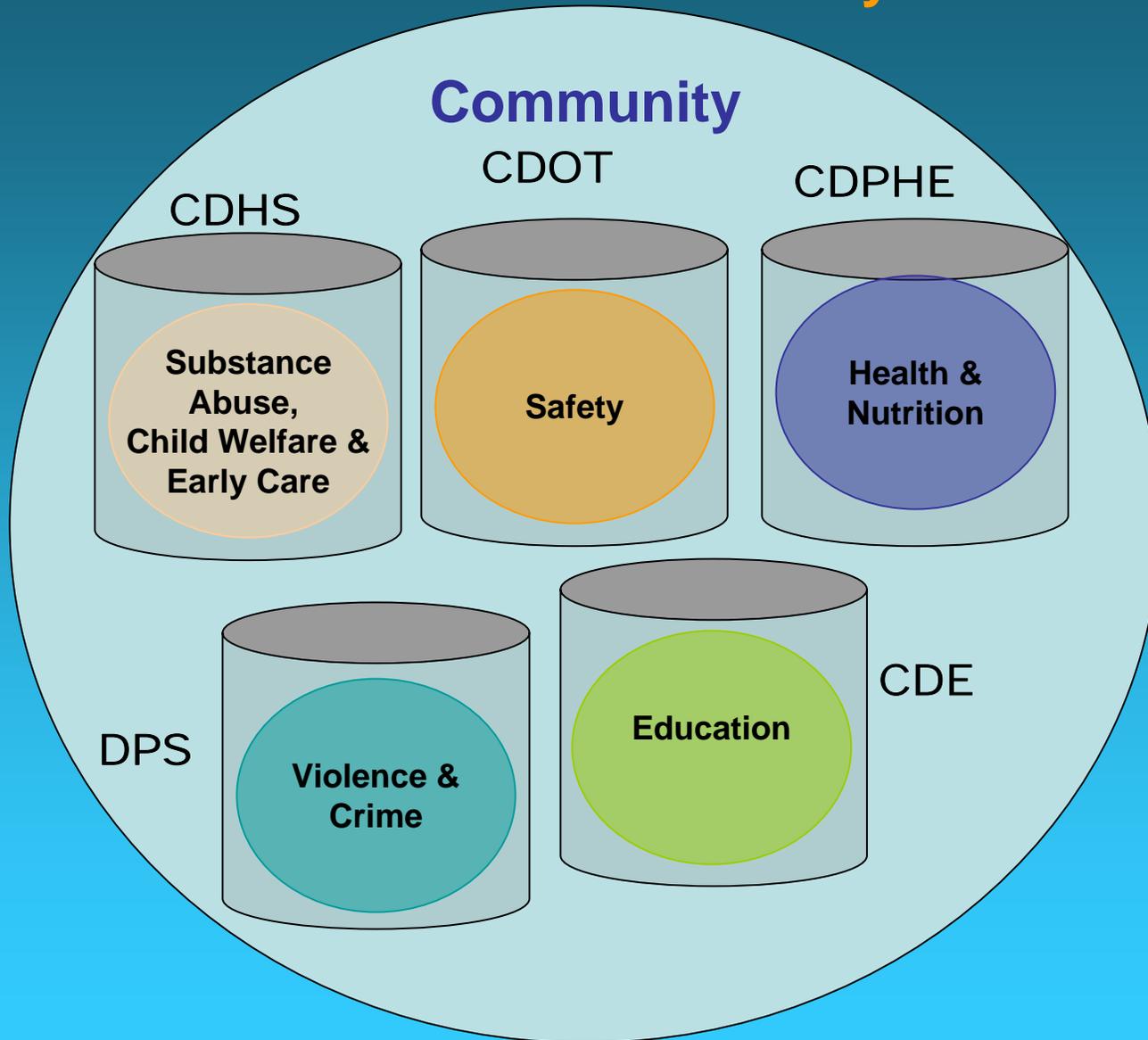
# Base Assumptions

- Efforts should build on and strengthen the existing system at the state and local levels.
- The approach should consider larger interdependencies within the service delivery system at the state and local levels.
- The approach should be incremental and long-term in nature focused on realizing greater alignment between state and local efforts over time.

## Base Assumptions (cont.)

- Efforts should be informed and guided by the common practices, policies and approaches of state agencies as these relate to:
  - Goal setting
  - Proposal and funding activities
  - Needs assessment requirements
  - Technical assistance needs
  - Funding approaches
  - Evaluation expectations
  - Organizational monitoring

# Usual Government Method for Impacting Community Issues

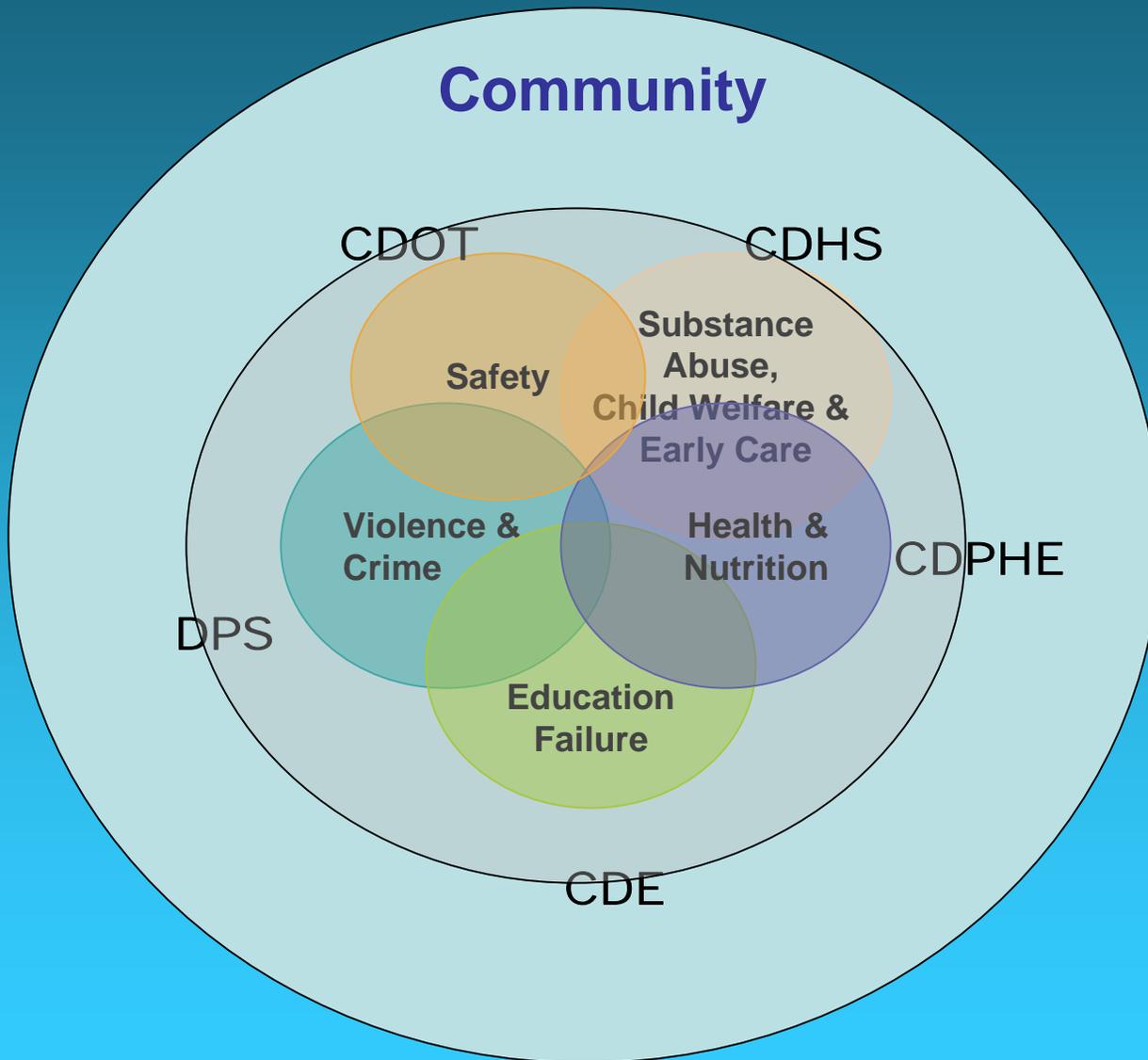


*Issues tend to be examined in isolation*

*Agencies have shared but not coordinated objectives*

*Because of state fragmentation, dollars are not efficiently allocated*

# PLC Perspective on System Development



*Problems are often related suggesting the benefits of more holistic, integrated approaches*

*Different agencies often have a stake in resolving the same problems*

*Greater inter-agency collaboration and joint planning may be a more efficient & effective approach to problem solving*

## The Current Approach

- Silo-oriented funding approaches tend to force the examination of issues in isolation
- Funding that follows this approach tends to be issue specific and fragmented

## The Current Approach (cont.)

- This is inefficient and not optimally effective given that:
  - Social problems tend to be inter-related
  - State funders do not work in concert to impact shared priorities
  - Community responses mirror state approaches leading to fragmentation, poor coordination and little problem integration

# Developing a More Effective Service Delivery System



*Communities need capacity building support to work in a more holistic and integrated manner.*

*This requires—*

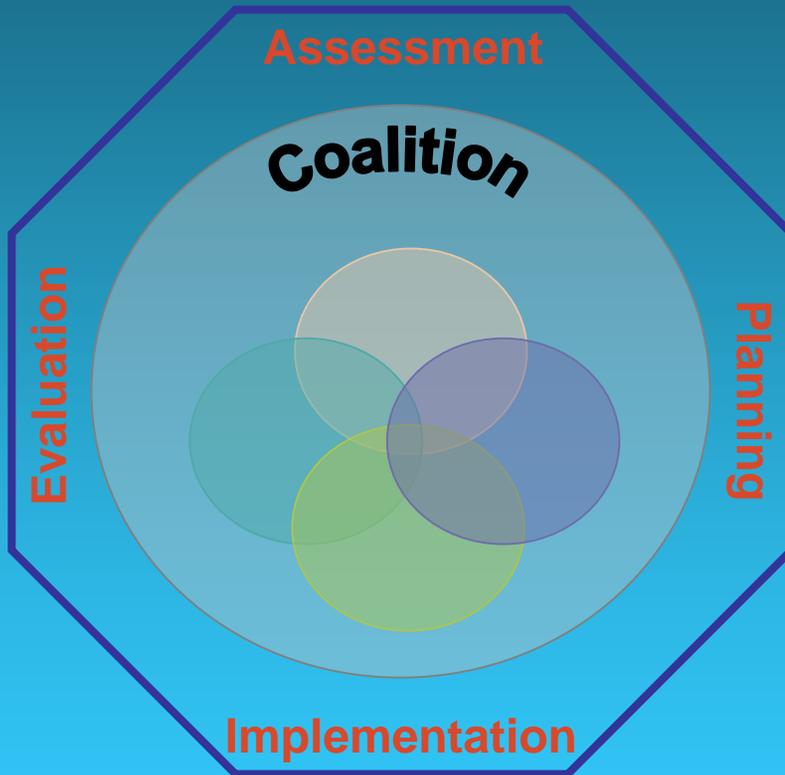
1. A standard assessment planning, and implementation model
2. The creation of supportive infrastructure
3. The provision of responsive technical assistance

# Strengthen Local Planning Capacity



*1. Focus on a comprehensive, multi-faceted community strategic planning; and formation of County-wide Prevention Policy Boards*

# Standardize the Planning Model

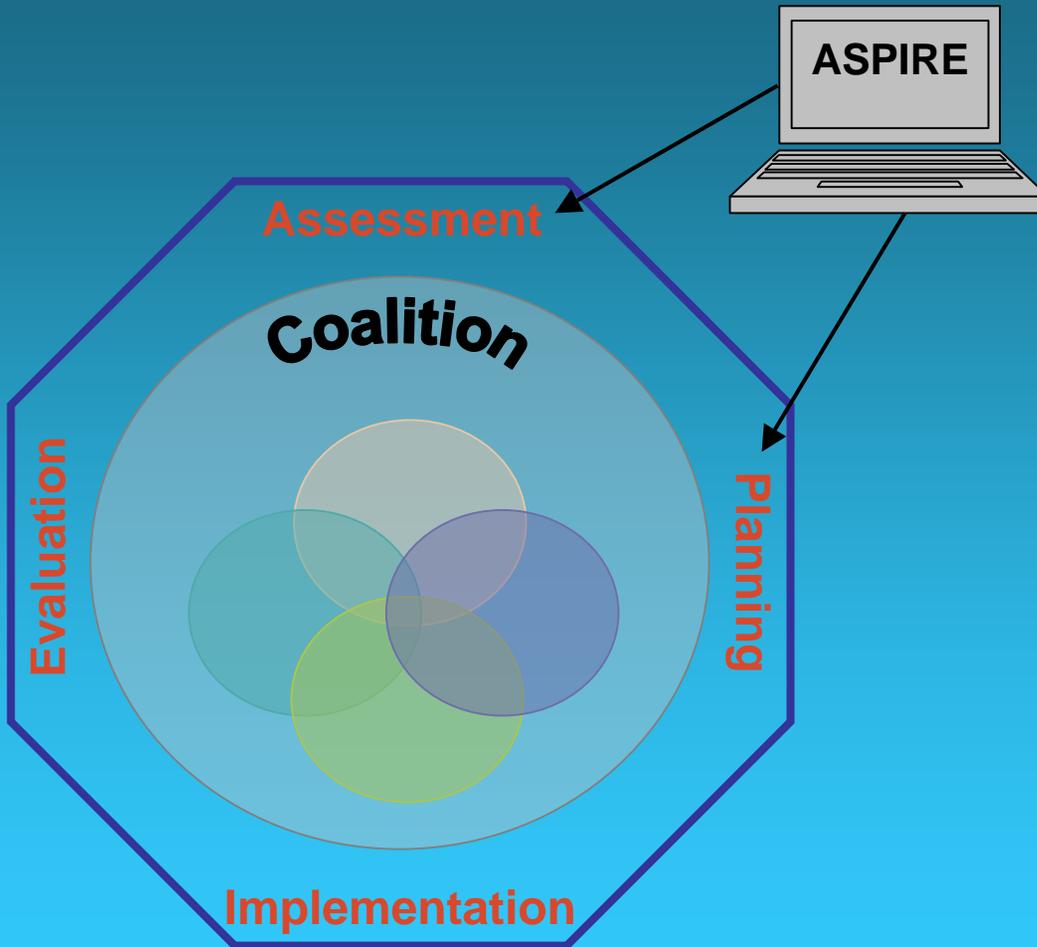


*2. Standardize planning expectations across agencies*

*3. Emphasize long-range and integrated planning approaches*

*4. Develop a common Request for Proposal format*

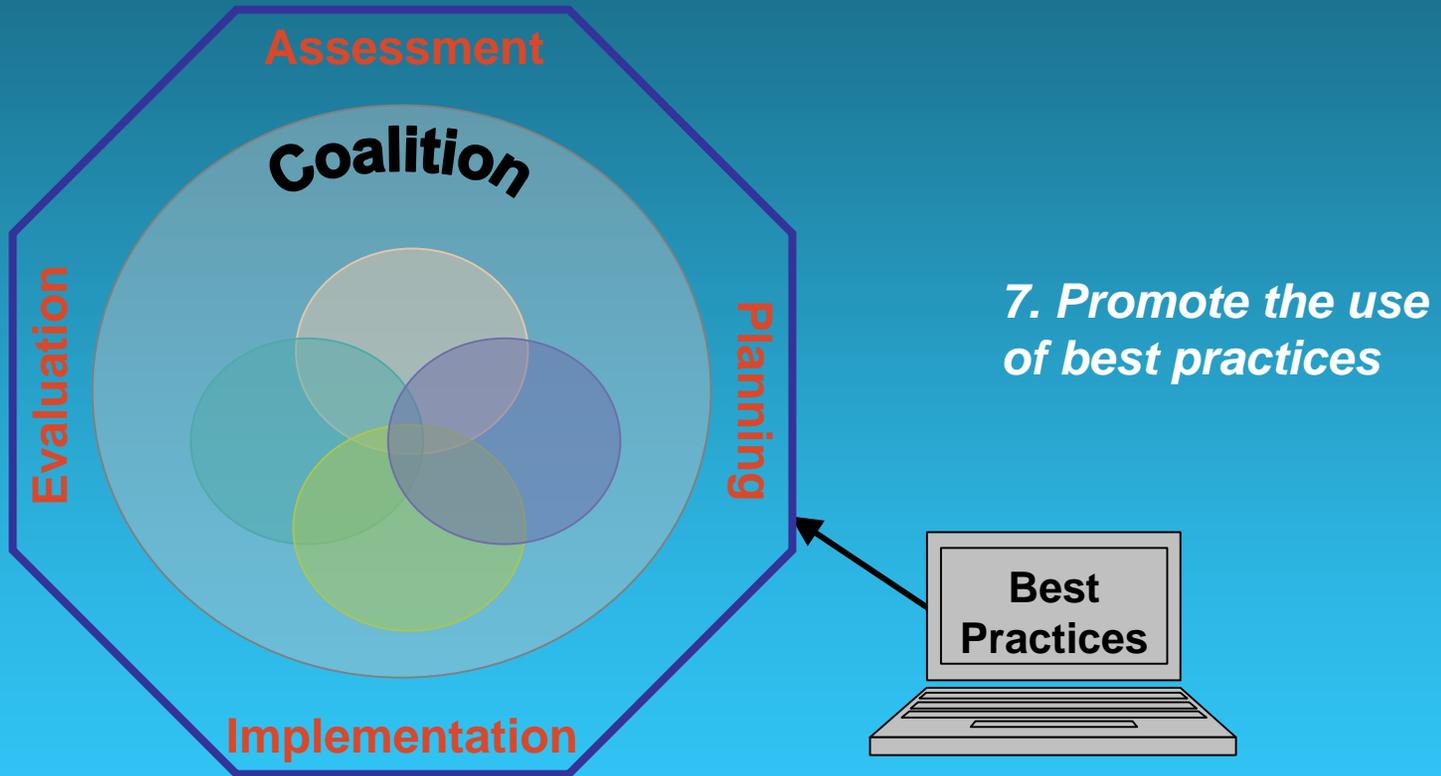
# Provide Supportive Infrastructure



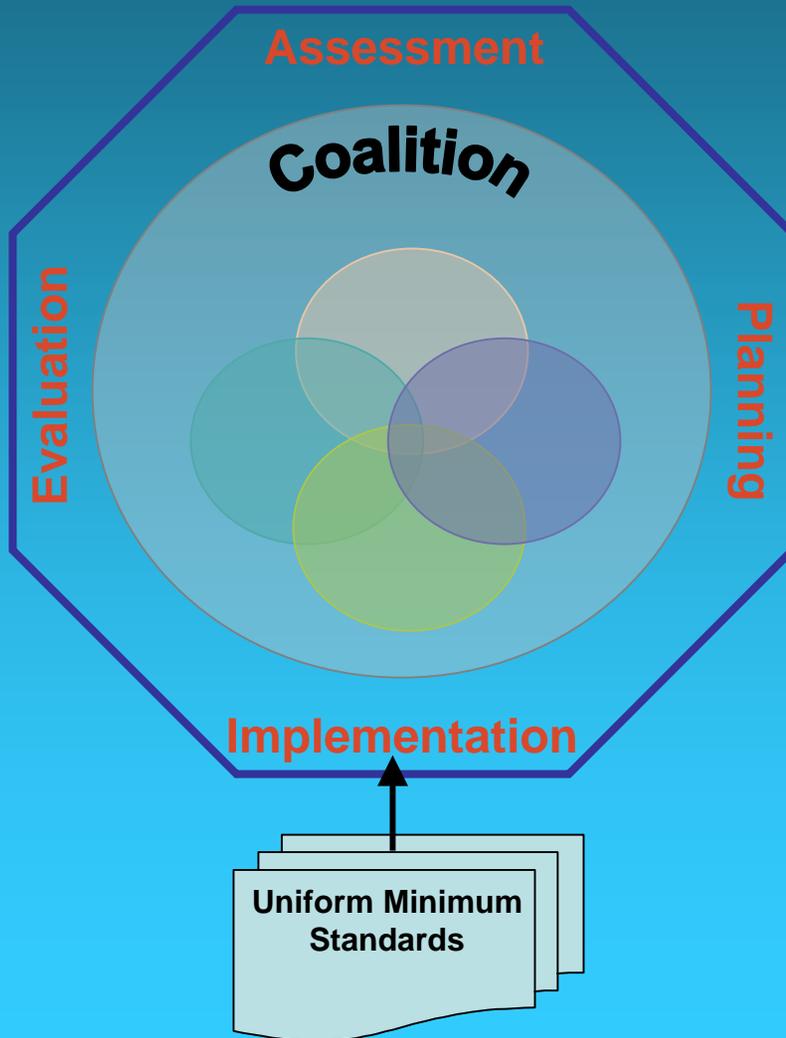
*5. Provide indicator and resource data to communities in an efficient manner*

*6. Develop a system that creates strategic plans using provided data*

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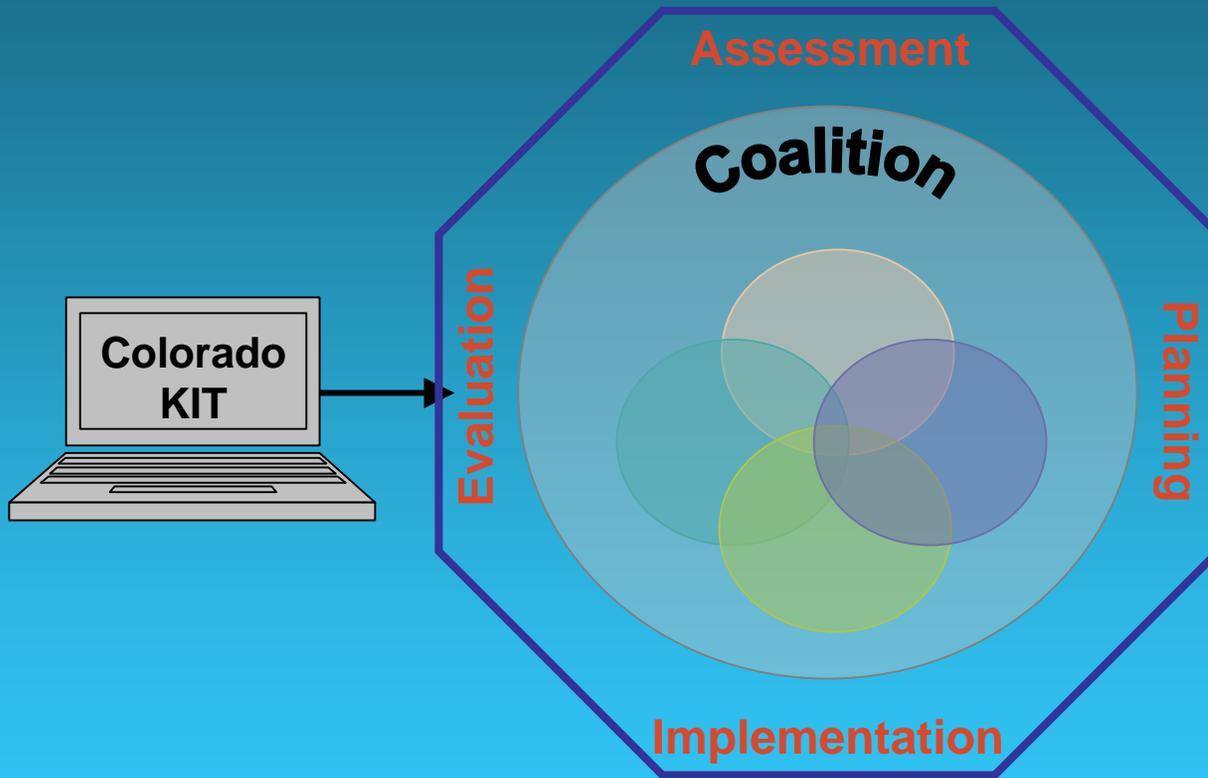


# Provide Supportive Infrastructure



*8. Support improved  
program  
Implementation*

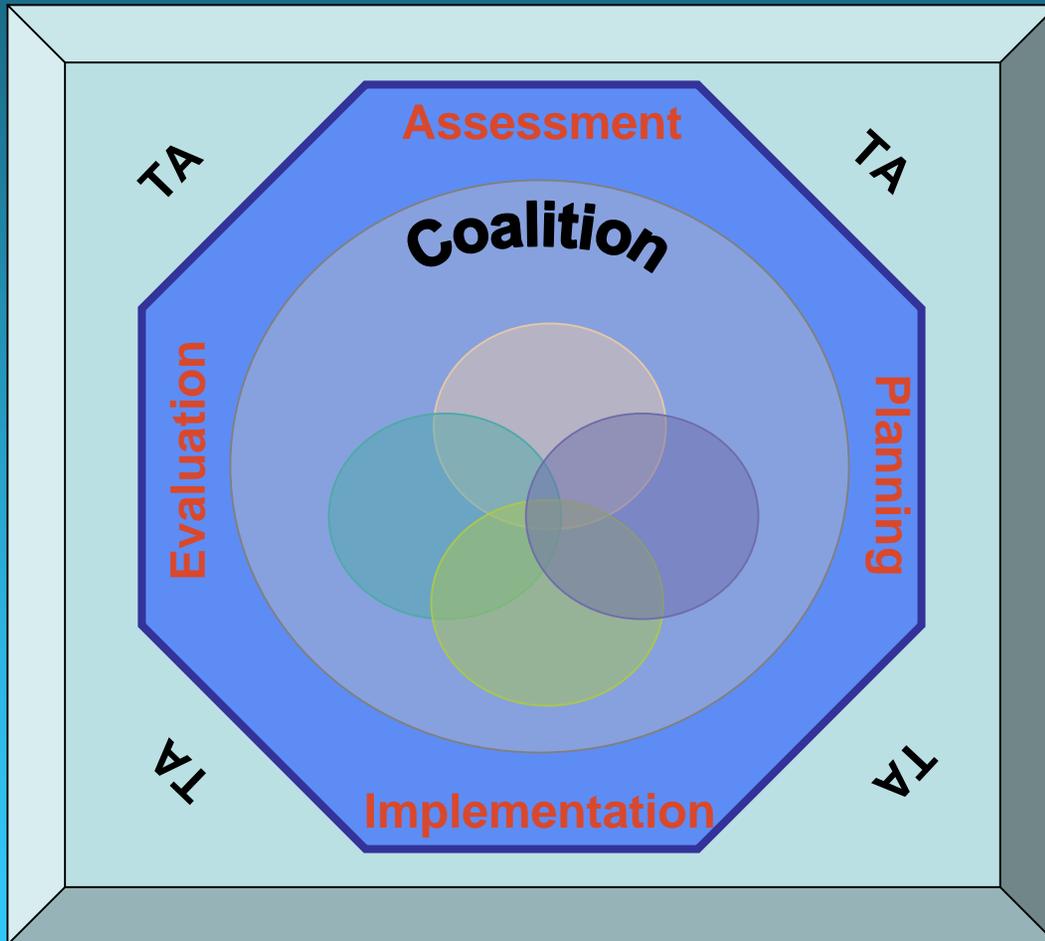
# Provide Supportive Infrastructure



*9. Standardize outcomes and assessment tools across funders*

*10. Provide an efficient and standardized methods for evaluating programs*

# Technical Assistance Provision



**10. Provide Technical Assistance for:**

- *Data use*
- *Comprehensive planning*
- *Improved implementation*
- *Evaluation*
- *Use of evaluation data*
- *Collaboration*

# PLC Accomplishments

- Implementation of CO KIT and the development of a comprehensive outcome report
  - Web-based reporting and evaluation
- Development and use of ASPIRE for assessment and planning
  - Health and Social Indicator Data
  - Resource/Funding Data
  - Community Readiness Assessment ToolKit

# PLC Accomplishments

- Development of the Uniform Minimum standards Assessment Tool
  - Identifies key components of the UMS
  - Identifies areas of strength
  - Identifies technical assistance needs

# PLC Accomplishments

- Implementation of the CPP Planning Model
  - Utilizing data to set priorities
  - Coordination among multiple state departments
  - Common prevention framework
- Creation of the Best Practices Web Site
  - [www.colorado.gov/bestpractices](http://www.colorado.gov/bestpractices)

# PLC Priorities

- Development of a common Request for Proposal format(s)
- Explore and implement integrated funding efforts
- Training and technical assistance assessment of state agencies

# PLC Priorities (cont.)

- Improve state-local communication and decision making processes
- Address data and information sharing across departments and disciplines
- Coordinate and collaborate across state-funded programs that require coalitions

# Next Steps for PLC

- Meeting of Executive Directors to share recommendations and priorities
- Re-signing require Memoranda of Agreements among state departments
- Submitting revised State Plan to Governor Ritter